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Torres maps out future plans

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres outlined his administration's plans for the Commonwealth's future in his second State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, while at the same time reminding people of the contrast between the CNMI more than 10 years ago and its present condition.

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Going social media with SOCA

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Signaling a seismic shift in how people consume news these days, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center wasn't just covered by mass media. It was also streamed



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live, it was on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and many other social media sites. In fact, many of those who couldn't attend used the internet to watch the proceedings.

"The SOCA was seen and heard live on the governor's Facebook page, Northern Marianas Col-

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JON PEREZ

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivers his second State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, as lawmakers of the 20th CNMI Legislature watches him.

War hero, senator, GOP presidential candidate McCain dies

By NANCY BENAC
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. John McCain, who faced down his captors in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp with jut-jawed defiance and later turned his rebellious streak into a 35-year political career that took him to Congress and the Republican presidential nomination, died Saturday after battling brain cancer for more

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In this Nov. 3, 2008, file photo, Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks at a rally in Tampa, Fla.

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CNMI preps for end of Medicaid

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A huge chunk of the CNMI's money is dependent on the Medicaid program that insures health insurance for low-income families in the Commonwealth but the program's entitlements are approaching their end.

According to House of Representatives vice speaker Janet U. Maratita (R-Saipan), she recently introduced a bill that would allocate a portion of the Casino Business Gross Revenue Tax to keeping local Medicaid alive, in the event the federal program ends, reportedly in 2019.

"I introduced the bill that would

put aside 10 percent of the Casino BGRT for the Medicaid program because the Medicaid program will be ending next year in September or October," she said.

Maratita said she is aware of how vital the Medicaid program is—how many families rely on it—and intends to plan ahead.

"We just want to ensure...we need to plan ahead so that hopefully with that funding allocated to Medicaid, it will not hamper the Medicaid program," she said.

Maratita said the U.S. government, which currently funds 50 percent of the Medicaid program, has decided

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NMI govt settles \$1.9M-plus CUC accounts

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Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the central government finally settling all of its utility accounts is the result of years of painstaking work and direct collaboration with officials of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced in his State

of the Commonwealth Address last Friday that the government has brought its CUC accounts current.

"I am pleased to share that for the first time in decades, your central government settled is arrears with CUC, bringing all central government accounts current."

"Eliminating over \$1.9 million in arrears will enable CUC to reinvest these rev-

enues toward critical water infrastructure to meet our goal of providing 24-hour water service to our people."

Larson told *Saipan Tribune* that it has been the central government's goal to become current when it comes to its CUC bills. "For the first time in decades, the CNMI government had settled its debts to CUC. Yes. We've been working on this goal for a long time."

"We worked with CUC in reconciling each and every account of the government—water, power, and sewer. It was more than just not paying. And that's for all three islands—Saipan, Tinian, and Rota."

Larson added that they combed through every record on their accounts. "It took us years. We had to assess what accounts were active govern-

ment accounts. Then we had to go account by account, confirming if payment had been made or if it was due."

She said that they had also began converting some government offices to prepaid meters. "We have converted many of our government offices to a single-phase prepaid meter. And once the meter comes in for our bigger offices they will convert to it as well."

"It was a lot of work and collaboration with CUC and now, with prepaid meters on many of our government buildings, a lot of the problems from the past will be prevented from

escalating to that point [huge debts] ever again. There's so many good things happening. Just got to keep the momentum going and finish the plan to getting us to full recovery."

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., an autonomous government agency, will soon be using solar energy in April next year.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther L. Muña said it would lessen their electricity costs by as much as \$700,000 in the first five years. She said CHCC spends about \$300,000 a month on power consumption.

Demapan: SOCA reflected very promising future for the CNMI



Rep. Angel A. Demapan, 3rd from right, in this file photo with Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog, Senate President Arnold Palacios and other government officials. **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**

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Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) believes Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres' message during his State of the Commonwealth Address reflected a very promising future for the CNMI.

Demapan said that people have come a very long way and that the governor's SOCA outlined all of that.

"What really stood out to me is reduction of crime rate, reduction of unemployment rate, and more of our students going to college and more of our college graduates coming back to work," said Demapan in an interview after the SOCA event.

Demapan, a Republican Party candidate, is running against fifth-term incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP) in the Nov. 6 general election.

Aside from the CNMI's overall economic revitalization, Demapan said what stood out for him were "those

personal connections that really give reasons for our people to...come back home and stay and work," he said.

In his SOCA, Torres said the crime rate is down by 65.3 percent from 2013 and that in five years, domestic violence decreased by over 78 percent and property crime is down by 58 percent.

» Demapan says what really stood out is reduction of crime rate, reduction of unemployment rate

Torres said more people are finding jobs as the CNMI, as shown by a decrease in the overall unemployment rate of more 2 percent this past year.

The governor said for the first time ever, the CNMI had more U.S. workers than foreign workers at the end of 2017—54 percent of the Commonwealth's total labor force.

Marianas Visitors Authority board member Cinta Kaipat said Torres SOCA was "uplifting, outstanding, and very informative."

"I am very happy to be in the audience to receive it first-hand," Kaipat said.

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Free workshops on connection between substance abuse and domestic violence

The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence will be hosting two free workshops on "Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse" facilitated by the National Network to End Domestic Violence on Sept. 13 and 14, 2018.

These workshops, which will be from 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on both days, aim to help participants explore and learn more about the connection between domestic violence and substance abuse as it relates to their work.

These workshops are open to individuals whose work is related to domestic violence and/or substance abuse. This includes but is not limited to police officers, victim advocates, social workers, counsel-

ors, shelter staff, and substance abuse recovery program staff.

Those interested may register to attend one session on either Sept. 13 or 14 through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DN86X5P>. Note that registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and will close when no seating is available or by 5pm on Sept. 6, 2018. There are no fees to attend a workshop.

The NMCADSV, which will be facilitating these workshops, is a nonprofit with over 25 years of experience in helping domestic violence survivors and those who serve them including providing training opportunities.

For information, contact the NMCADSV office at (670) 234-3878 or email info@end-violencenmi.org. (PR)

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Public Safety Commissioner Robert A. Guerrero attributes the reduction in the CNMI's crime rate—as Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reported in his annual State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday—to law enforcement officers' relentless anti-drug campaign.

Guerrero said a check with court cases would also show a reduction in the number of crimes in the Commonwealth.

"Officers are doing what they are doing supposed to do," Guerrero said in an interview shortly after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivered his address at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Torres said has said the crime rate is down by 65.3 percent compared to the numbers from 2013.

In five years, Torres

said, domestic violence decreased by over 78 percent and property crimes are down by 58 percent.

The governor also noted that communicating to the public of the dangers of drunk driving has reduced the rates of driving under the influence of alcohol by nearly 80 percent this year.

Proud of his officers' accomplishment, Guerrero noted that with the amount of drugs down, it has significantly reduced the crime rate.

"[As I've said two years ago], our Drug Task Force is going to go after drug users,

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'IPI extension request, reasonable'

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The CNMI Lottery Commission will be calling a meeting in order to entertain the request for extension by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC for their still-to-be finished casino-hotel project in Garapan.

Commission chair and Commerce Secretary Mark Rabauliman told *Saipan Tribune* that they had already received IPI's 119-page Amendment Request Package.

"Now, I'm just trying to work with the rest of the commissioners to figure out their

schedules and call a meeting to entertain their [IPI's] request," he added.

The meeting had to be before the Aug. 31, 2018 deadline of IPI's Amendment No. 5. The package is IPI's amendment request and proposed casino license agreement amendment No. 6.

"It [meeting] has to be before the deadline. We're

trying to all come together and finalize the actual date. Then we'll be making the announcement," added Rabauliman, who is joined by Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson and Department of Public Safety Commissioner Robert Guerrero on the commission.

The Development Plan Advisory Committee, composed of Pacific Century Inc. and

N15 Architects Inc., is recommending to the commission to grant IPI's request for extension. PCI and N15 each represent the CNMI and IPI.

"IPI has notified DPAC that the construction of the initial gaming facility cannot be completed by the previously approved completion date primarily due to the unforeseen delays in immigration and labor law issuance, which caused a CNMI-wide worker shortage. IPI submitted an amendment request package to DPAC addressing the effects of these delays and how they have worked to overcome them," DPAC wrote to Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

DPAC said N15 analyzed IPI's amendment No. 6 package while also considering data from the CNMI, general contractor, and other members. "N15 takes the position that the IGF is being developed under fairly unique conditions primarily because

of the geographical, political, and economic conditions of the CNMI, and therefore, local information is an invaluable resource in determining the validity of the request."

DPAC said PCI and N15, after conducting separate independent high-impact analysis, find IPI's request reasonable.

"The analysis provides compelling evidence that the CNMI will gain maximum financial receipts by amending the CLA to provide the development flexibility and time extension to complete the construction. PCI, utilizing its independent analysis, certifies that the extension request from IPI is justifiable," wrote DPAC on the letter.

"In keeping with the spirit of the CLA, DPAC therefore recommends that the [commission] approve the proposed amendment to allow IPI to establish a sustainable gaming facility, further benefiting the people of the CNMI."

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lege Facebook page, and it was also broadcast on radio via 92.1 KKMP...

"The goal of this administration is to continue to transition a lot of our technologies in the 21st century in a more concerted fashion..."

"The biggest priority for us was to make sure that the SOCA is continually accessible through our media outlets to make sure that, whether people are at home, in the office or cars can understand what's going on with the government," said press secretary Kevin Bautista.

"We understand that people have an insatiable appetite for content. There is a need for people to see a transparent government and our biggest goal is to continue to operate in a way where we are able to present that story to the public, as well as showing the world that this is the story of the Commonwealth now," he added.

Bautista said the biggest

changes in how the 2018 SOCA was presented was the use of live streaming and a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the progress of the current administration. This was echoed by Northern Marianas College Network System administrator Jerome Ortiz, who was part of the production crew that covered the speech.

"We were in charge of production and video recording of the SOCA last year and this year was definitely different as production value was really thought of so we can present the message better. The big differences are the smooth transition of the slides and presentation, we have a new layout that is visually-friendly, a split screen and the template that we used was clear so words can be read easily," he said.

"Before, it was just a steady frame, meaning one camera pointed at the governor. There was no presentation and no PowerPoint. Our team was given the goal to not only bring the voice of the governor but also visuals of the work that has been done and plans

for the future," he added.

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who is active on social media, said the 2018 SOCA engaging in different media outlets is an indication of two things. "One, that we bring the message from the government out to its people and, two, it's an indicator of how far we have come in terms of technological advancement in the Commonwealth as it is a reflection of economic advancement."

"Bringing those two factors together, you basically are able to deliver the work of the government directly to people's homes," he added.

According to Kagman High School teacher Gerard Van Gils, having a young governor who is in tune with the current times understands the importance of social media. "We have the youngest governor in the country and he understands that most people in the Commonwealth aren't going to fit in just one room so you've got to reach out to the people who are out there," he said.

"Our youth is less interested in sitting in a room to hear their

governor speak...they want to re-listen to it on YouTube or catch it on FB live streaming...I think Gov. Torres is reaching out to the youth of the Commonwealth in all kinds of media platforms," he added.

Bautista said this engagement with different media platforms foreshadows big plans for the future. "One of the biggest things...is the vision for the next five to 10 years and that is economic diversification. We want to focus on our infrastructure to accommodate a more diversified economy that is not just relying on the tourism or gaming industry."

"Our policy team is working on enhancing our agriculture industry and creation of the technology industry that is tangible and accommodating so what could be a potential market within the Pacific where the CNMI can be a hub and... Governor Torres is going to continue to push this within the next few years if he gets elected...to bring economic agenda and prosperity that is felt by every single person in the Marianas," he added.

experience, we need to improve capacity and services."

He added that he believes in the 30-30-30 tourism principle. "Thirty percent Japan, 30 percent Korea, and 30 percent China. We have a lot of work to do to meet this goal."

Air transportation

Torres said the Marianas Visitors Authority has helped improve the CNMI's image internationally, but air travel has become an issue. He sees strategic partnerships as one of the keys in the future of the CNMI. "We are a wonderful but small market for global companies, so in the near term we must form smart and strategic airline partnerships to service our islands. I am proud to announce that the CNMI has succeeded in our goal of restoring flight service from Japan through a partnership with Skymark Airlines."

"Skymark Airlines is Japan's third largest carrier and will be the first Japan-based carrier in the CNMI since 2005, when Japan Airlines left...Narita direct to Saipan will resume this coming winter schedule."

Torres said the pull out of Delta and Cape Air are setbacks for the CNMI, but the Commonwealth must try to adapt to changes.

He said that great things could be achieved if done as one. "Our deficit has reduced by more than half, 53.7 percent, in just the last year alone. Our people now have stronger financial security with more money to save up for the important things like healthcare, our children's college education, and rewriting their stories for success."

Quality tourists

Torres said tourism continues to be the CNMI's No. 1 industry. "As we accept and accommodate visitors from abroad, we inject new money into the system with each tourism dollar reaching the hands of every resident in one way or another. Tourism keeps the rain pouring and the flow has been steady."

Torres said they are looking to focus more on quality tourists. "For the third year in a row, we have welcomed more than 500,000 tourists. While we are excited that visitor arrivals have remained high, we must not focus on quantity alone. We must preserve and also improve our islands as a destination. A tourist experience in the CNMI should rival any in the world."

"But we cannot just wish for it to be so. If we want to provide a high quality tourism

kids in for bed after a long, tiring day, and have big dreams for their sons and daughters. Today in the Marianas, every single person who calls these islands home is who makes the state of our Commonwealth strong. And together we have made great progress," said Torres, who was interrupted 41 times by applause from the packed crowd.

He said the CNMI experienced one of the fastest economic gains in the country in 2016, the same year that the Commonwealth's gross domestic product "surpassed the \$1-billion mark" for the first time in more than 10 years. He added that the CNMI's 27,592-strong labor force, based on data collected at the end of last year, was composed 54 percent of U.S. citizens.

"All these workers are supporting a strengthening tourism industry as our visitor arrivals, recently surpassing half a million last month for the third straight year. [Since we took office in 2015], small business confidence is at an all-time high, with 2,560 new businesses opening up. These small businesses are driving our growth in key areas, creating increased funding for education, healthcare, and public safety," said Torres.

TORRES

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Of the many accomplishments Torres cited in his speech, the government settling its arrears with the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. made the biggest impression (*See story on Page 2*).

"For the first time in decades, your central government settled its arrears with CUC...Eliminating over \$1.9 million in arrears will enable CUC to re-invest these revenues towards critical water infrastructure to meet our goal of providing 24-hour water service to our people," he said.

Torres said his administration would work on implementing a comprehensive plan in managing the projects on the islands once the newly created Office of Planning and Development completes that plan.

He said that a retiree, a small business owner, a Northern Marianas College nursing graduate, a high school teacher, a CNMI native with a college degree in the U.S., and families in the Commonwealth have all seen the progress that helped the Commonwealth get out of its financial troubles.

"In homes across the Marianas, fathers will tuck their

story of America and the history of my times."

But former Vice President Joe Biden put it this way: "I think John's legacy is that he never quits."

Ultimately, McCain did not fear much, including the wrath of President Donald Trump and his Republican colleagues. Notably just last year, McCain was the decisive "no" on legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

That made him the unlikely savior of the signature legislative achievement of Barack Obama, the man who beat him for president in 2008. He also ran in 2000, losing the GOP nomination to George W. Bush.

going through the Legislature, but acknowledges that she would still need to gain the support of the Senate.

"Hopefully next session, it [the bill] will be on the calendar and then we go to Senate but I still need to lobby the bill with the Senate to gain their support," she said.

Medicaid is a joint federal-state program that provides health coverage or nursing home coverage to certain categories of low-asset people, including children, pregnant women, parents of eligible children, people with disabilities and elderly needing nursing home care.

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drug dealers, and that's what the Task Force did," he said. "We got them [drug dealers] eventually, and that's the outcome of it. Bottom line is, the drug task force is doing what they're supposed to do, that's why [we have] that outcome today."

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than a year. He was 81.

McCain was elected to the Senate from Arizona six times but twice thwarted in seeking the presidency. McCain returned to the Senate in 2009, determined not to let that defeat define him.

In his valedictory memoir, "The Restless Wave," McCain wrote of the world he inhabited: "I hate to leave it. But I don't have a complaint. Not one."

He continued: "I've known great passions, seen amazing wonders, fought in a war and helped make a peace...I made a small place for myself in the

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that it is time that the CNMI funds the program completely.

"The [decision] was from the States...that we need to...locally fund it 100 percent...By the year 2024, I believe that the CNMI has to fund the program 100 percent locally so, with this bill, it will ensure that we have 10-percent from the BGRT...to plan ahead," she said.

Maratita said she was made aware of situation about one month ago and immediately got to work on the bill.

"[The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.] informed me as the chair for the local delegation's health and welfare committee... and I met with the CEO [Esther Muna] and they advised me on how I could assist and that was how I came up with this bill and also the tax credit for health insurance, which is why we really need this so we don't have to burden CHCC," she said.

Maratita said she is confident in the chances of her bill

Ninth Circuit denies Guanlao's emergency motion

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The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has denied Amalia Abo Guanlao's emergency motion to suspend a federal court order that granted U.S. Immigration and Customs officials' request to dissolve the court's previous order that stopped a judge's removal order against her.

Ninth Circuit judges Barry G. Silverman and Milan D. Smith Jr. said the briefing schedule established previously remains in effect pertaining to Guanlao's appeal.

The Ninth Circuit judges did not indicate the reason why they denied Guanlao's emergency motion.

Guanlao, through counsel Rosemond Santos, filed the emergency motion to stay pending her appeal of the District Court's Aug. 13 order.

In that Aug. 13 order, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood also denied Guanlao's motion to a stay of her deportation.

Guanlao is a Filipino mother of two minor U.S. citizen children who has been fighting an immigration court's order of her removal since 2013.

In her ruling, Tydingco-Gatewood said that without

a reason to maintain the stay originally imposed by U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona, the ICE officials' motion to dissolve the stay is granted.

The judge said Guanlao has not made any specific arguments regarding the public interest or harm to the opposing parties.

According to court records, on Sept. 10, 2013, an immigration judge found that Guanlao

was removable as an alien, being without a valid immigrant visa or entry document, and ordered her removed to the Philippines.

Guanlao appealed the judge's decision to the Board of Appeals. She lost her case before the immigration court.

In June 2016, she filed her petition in federal court for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking determination of "the legality of her continued detention and intended removal" and "a stay

of her removal during the pendency of this case."

Aside from naming then-U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson as respondent, Guanlao also sued several U.S. immigration officials.

Guanlao alleged a violation of her due process rights because her then-counsel Alice Rae failed to inform her of the ability to file a petition for review of the final removal order to the Ninth Circuit.

On June 23, 2016, Manglona entered a stay of removal "while the court hears the petition on the merits."

In December 2017, respondents moved to dismiss Guanlao's second amended petition and also requested that the court grant the respondents' motion to dismiss.

Tydingco-Gatewood then dismissed Guanlao's claims with prejudice. However, she did not explicitly address the



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stay of removal.

In light of the court's dismissal of the claims, ICE officials requested an order explicitly dissolving the stay of removal entered in 2016.

Guanlao argued that she will suffer irreparable harm if a stay pending appeal is not issued because she and her entire family will need to relocate to the Philippines after spending 24 years on Saipan.

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Guam Guard airmen improve ability to use biohazard machine at Tinian Health Clinic

As part of the Innovative Readiness Training Program, airmen from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Red Horse Squadron were tasked to create a safer environment in and around the biohazard machine at the Tinian Health Clinic.

There was currently no ventilation or ability for the air coming out of the biohazard machine to be pushed out safely.

"When the machine is utilized, it creates unsafe odors and fumes which travels throughout the hospital," said Vincent "Ben" King, Bureau of Environmental Health and Sanitation. "We must ensure the safety of the patients and the hospital staff."

The airmen, from the 254RHS Structures Shop, wasted no time and got to work on this project, which required the fabrication of an enclosure for the machine, but also the installation of a ventilation duct to redirect the potentially hazardous fumes out of the clinic.

As the ventilation duct was being installed, the airmen realized that the central air conditioning unit in the mechanical room did not have a "fresh



Tech. Sgt. Patrick Norberg, at left, and Tech. Sgt. John Camacho, structural journeymen, from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Red Horse Squadron, measure the area for the wooden frame where the ventilation window will be installed to allow "fresh air return" in the Tinian Health Clinic.

MASTER. SGT. ELEANOR ATOIGUE/GUAM AIR NATIONAL GUARD

air return" window. THC leadership approved the additional task and the airmen got right to work and created an opening in the wall where a ventilation window could be installed. This would create a flow of fresh air from the outside.

"That's just what we do," said Tech. Sgt. John Camacho, 254RHS Structural craftsman. "When we do a job, we want to make sure we cover all bases and do what we can to make it right."

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Staff Sgt. Joseph Rapolla, structural craftsman, at left, and Airman 1st Class Vincent Sablan, structural apprentice, from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Red Horse Squadron, measure and install the aluminum brackets for the biohazard machine enclosure at the Tinian Health Clinic.

MASTER. SGT. ELEANOR ATOIGUE/GUAM AIR NATIONAL GUARD



Airman 1st Class Kenneth Karosich, electrical systems apprentice, from the Guam Air National Guard's 254th Red Horse Squadron, measures and cuts electrical wires for the ventilation in the biohazard machine enclosure at the Tinian Health Clinic.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-18

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Authority) is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal (the "RFP"), and other contract provisions, for proposals from qualified persons or firms to provide Risk Management and Consultant Services for the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluate by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225(a)).

Interested persons or firms are invited to submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their proposals to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, SEPTEMBER 07, 2018.

This RFP is issued pursuant to Chapter 40-50 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (the "NMIC"). Title 40, including chapter 40-50-225, Request for Proposals, is applicable to the process followed by the RFP.

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning August 13, 2018, at the Executive Director's Office, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

The Authority at its sole discretion may cancel this RFP if it is deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-18-030

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES (FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org, Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email address - christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

Practicing energy efficiency in the Marshall Islands maritime sector

A three-day workshop on ship energy efficient operations was organized in Marshall Islands by the Pacific Community and was hosted by the University of the South Pacific at its campus in Majuro.

This workshop forms part of the capacity-building efforts of SPC as the host institution of the Maritime Technology Cooperation Center in the Pacific.

The first day consisted of high-level meeting gathering more than 18 participants, demonstrating the genuine enthusiasm of the maritime stakeholders in initiatives supporting low-carbon development in Marshall Islands. The two remaining days targeted onsite shipping companies' technical crews, training more than 30 participants on ship energy efficiency management plan and measures that can be implemented to improve safety and efficiency. In parallel, Women in Maritime meeting was also organized, which saw a total of 12 women participation denoting the aspiration to progress gender equality in the maritime sector.

Maritime shipping is the lifeline in the Marshall Islands with a population of 53,000. The population is scattered on approximately 24 municipalities including atolls and those individual islands are serviced by 34 ships. In addition, more than 500 motorised and 600 non-motorised are operated for intra-atoll navigation.

The Permanent Secretary for Transportation, Communications and Information Technology, Phil Philipppo, recalled the workshop participants of the country lead to address climate change impact with a clear vision and ambitious targets towards low carbon development.

"All sectors must contribute to achieve this vision including the maritime sector that has a major role to play in the reduction of fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. But we are not alone, we have on our side all Pacific Islands countries and development partners," he said.

SPC through the MTCC-Pacific project has taken a fully collaborative approach and work with its partners to complement efforts in assisting the government of the Marshall Islands achieve its vision for the maritime sector. Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit is implementing a project for Transitioning to Low Carbon Sea Transport in the Pacific and the government of the Marshall Islands in collaboration with USP has established the Micronesian Center for Sustainable Transport in Majuro.

In his opening address, SPC's deputy director Oceans and Maritime, Thierry Nerval, highlighted the need to take immediate climate change mitigation measures to reduce GHG emissions from the region's maritime industry. "MTCC-Pacific was established to provide meth-

ods and tools for the uptake of low-carbon technologies and operations in the maritime industry. We have achieved promising results in some Pacific Islands countries that demonstrate leadership and commitments."

Since its establishment in 2017, MTCC-Pacific has delivered this workshop in seven Pacific Island Countries to more than 150 people that is complemented by technical assistance on board more than 30 vessels for the implementation of SEEMP. (SPC)

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back to school Mental Health Tips

Heading back to school is an exciting time for children and families. Along with the excitement, there may be some difficulty adjusting to the changes that come with a new school year. Take a look at a few tips that may help you start the new school year on the right foot.

- 1 Establish a routine**
Get back on a school routine a week or two before school starts. Establish a bedtime and wake up time to ensure your child develops adequate sleep patterns. Incorporate some scheduling into the day (for example, regular quiet reading time) to start easing them back into a more organized and controlled schedule.
- 2 Talk to your children**
It's always good for parents to sit down and talk to their children about what concerns they might have about going back to school. Talk about the positives, too! It is normal for a child to feel nervous and scared. By talking about concerns and positives, it will give them confidence. What are children excited about? What do they look forward to this school year?
- 3 Ease worries**
If your child is nervous about a new school, classroom, or teacher, talk them to visit the school before the first day. Show them where they'll be dropped off and picked up each day and talk about their daily school schedule. Older children may find it useful to get their schedules in advance.
- 4 Monitor social media**
Keep an eye on older children's social media accounts. What are you seeing on their Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? What are your children seeing that they might be nervous or anxious about? Restrict your teen from text messaging in bed after bedtime.
- 5 Foster positive friendships**
For kids who are worried about friendships or loneliness, encourage them to reconnect with a friend before the start of the school. Schedule a play date before school starts and help them make plans to see each other during recess or lunch on the first day of school. Start the school year with positive relationships that will help buffer some of the less positive experiences.
- 6 Create homework strategies**
For children who are not academically inclined, the onset of school may signal a time of increased stress for both students and parents. Work with your child to develop a plan for getting homework done and assignments turned in on time. Make a plan to touch base with teachers regularly. Set an after-school routine, such as bathroom breaks, snacks and homework before bedtime.
- 7 Don't stress, parents**
Parents have their own set of worries. Talking to other parents can be helpful, as can getting as much information as you can. Review your child's schedule. Set up a time to meet your child's teacher or school principal and figure out a way to communicate that works well for both of you. Organization and communication with your child can help start the school year on the right foot at school and at home.

<https://www.multicare.org/news/back-to-school-7-mental-health-tips-for-kids-yourself/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Community Guidance Center - Systems of Care

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Address: San Antonio, Saipan (former CHCC dispensary)

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New NMI images at Japan’s Shiodome Station

The Marianas Visitors Authority continues to place stunning images of Rota, Tinian, and Saipan in the heart of Japan’s business district of Shiodome right by Tokyo’s Shimbashi Station.

The MVA has updated its wall display featuring the Marianas in Shiodome station, one of Tokyo’s busiest train stations.

The display, launched in early 2017, invites the 265,000 daily passengers transiting Shiodome station to enjoy a “3-Day Weekend in the Marianas” with 12-foot high, backlit images including snorkeling, kayaking, paddle



New photos of award-winning Managaha and snorkeling at Forbidden Island highlight the Marianas Visitors Authority’s promotional wall display at Shiodome station in Tokyo, Japan in July 2018. The station receives 265,000 daily passengers.

boarding, and more.

“When we launched this display last year, we were very strategic about its placement. Alongside prestigious international brands such as All Nippon Airways and Shiseido, we have the potential to reach over 250,000 people daily in this location, and we’ve updated our images this year to continue to take advantage of this high-traffic area,” said MVA managing director Christopher A. Concepcion.

“In July and August, Japan visitors been able to reach the Marianas from Tokyo-Narita via our summer charter flights.



Saipan sunsets, Tinian’s turquoise blue waters, and Rota Hole dive site are part of the Marianas Visitors Authority’s updated promotional backlit wall display at Shiodome station in Tokyo, Japan in July 2018. The station receives 265,000 daily passengers.

COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission (“Commission”), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

I. PRELIMINARIES:

A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes: July 31, 2018

II. REPORTS:

A. Report by the Chairman
B. Report by the Executive Director

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

A. Casino Licensee (PL) Updates:
1. Construction Progress – Imperial Pacific Resort & Hotel (Imperial Palace)
2. IPI Personnel: a) Resident Employment Objectives & CLA Annual Plan
b) Status of the H2B Workers
3. Responsible Gaming Program
4. Compliance Committee
5. Other Miscellaneous Matters

B. Other Matters

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. House Bill 20-82, HD1: Update
B. CCC Regulations Scheduled for Permanent Adoption:
1. §175-10.1-040(g) to include the chief legal officer and all other in-house legal counsel, without regard to whether the individual supervises other individuals, in the definition of “casino key employee”.
2. §175-10.1-535(b),(e),(f), and (g) to increase the time for filing certain financial statements by thirty (30) days.

C. Consideration and Final Action on Request to Extend Suspension of the Minimum Bankroll Requirements; Adoption and Issuance of CCC Order 2018-004: Minimum Bankroll Requirement Formula
• IPI Chief Financial Officer (Ed Chen) - July 20, 2018 Request to extend suspension deadline from August 31, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Approval for Regular Casino Service Provider License (Renewal) - Gaming:
1. Worldpay Gaming Solutions, LLC. Payment Solutions Platform. Current License Expires (“CLE”): 09/15/2018.
2. Angel Playing Cards United States of America Incorporation. Provider and Distributor of Playing Cards and Electric Shoes. (CLE: 09/22/2018).
3. Jade Entertainment and Gaming Technologies, Inc. Provides Gaming Machines, Equipment, and Related Accessories, Systems and Services. (CLE: 09/15/2018).

B. Approval for Regular Casino Vendor License (2-years) – Non-Gaming:
1. G4S Security Solutions (CNMI), Inc. Security Services. Current Provisional License Expires (“CPL”): 09/01/18)
2. Hang Hing Weaving Factory, Ltd. Supplier of Hotel Linens (CPL: 12/27/18).
3. Hawaiian Rock Product Corporation. Ready-Mixed Concrete & Aggregates (CPL: 10/02/18).
4. N15 Architectural Company, Inc. Architectural, Engineering, & Construction Management (CPL: 11/02/18).
5. Tropical Laundry & Linen Supply Company, Ltd. Laundry & Dry Cleaning (CPL: 09/01/18).

C. Notification of Provisional Casino Key Employee (CKE) License (1-Year):
1. Ngo, Chee Keong (“Michael”), Senior VP of Information Technology (Issued: 8/22/18; Exp: 08/21/19)

D. Notification of Provisional Casino Vendor License (1-Year):
1. S.U.I. Corporation (dba: L.J.’s Catering). Food Catering Services. (Issued: 7/30/18; Exp: 7/29/19)

E. Election of Officers: (1) Secretary and (2) Media Relations/ Public Affairs

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A. IPI Financial Matters
B. Report by the CCC Audit Division
C. Report by the Legal Counsel

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Commission reserves the right to amend this agenda and take action on the amended agenda pursuant to 1 CMC §9910(b). Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more, if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

15th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

AGENDA¹

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
a. August 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments²

III. Reports

1. Chair
2. Board Committees
a. FPA
b. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
a. Financial Status Reports
i. Federal
ii. Local
b. Head Start Program
c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

1. Head Start Supplemental Grant One Time Improvement Fund
2. Collateral Equipment Proposal, USDA Rural Development Program
3. Nutrition Assistance Program Grant Application (School Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks)
4. Grants to School Emergency Management Grant Application (GSEM)
5. Certification & Licensure Office
a. CLO Report No. 2018-009

VI. Ratification of Written Comments to Proposed Legislation

1. H.B. 20-174 Board of Education Committee Meeting Compensation
2. H.B. 20-178 SD4 To Regulate Cannabis in the Commonwealth

VII. Executive Session³

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



The Marianas Visitors Authority invites passengers to enjoy at “3-Day Holiday in the Marianas” with its promotional backlit wall display for the Marianas at Shiodome station in Tokyo, Japan in July 2018.

As things continue to progress for the launch of Skymark Airlines service to the islands this winter, it’s imperative to keep Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the minds of the public as a travel destination. This display does just that.”

The Marianas display also faces the Nippon TV event space, ideal for targeting high-end business people. (MVA)

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29th, 2018 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. New Business

A. Amendments to Casino License Agreement
1. Live Training Facility
2. To allow to operate less than 4-5 Star Facility
3. To allow to open Phase Development in Stages

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

\$951K federal grant for mental health services for Guam youth

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—The Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center has been awarded \$951,560 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This multi-year federal grant will support the Center’s “Project Tulaika,” providing mental health and transition services for Guam’s youth and young adults (ages 16-25) suffering from serious emotional disturbance and/or mental ill-

ness, including that associated with substance abuse. This federal grant will support the Center’s ongoing work staring in fiscal year 2019 through the end of fiscal year 2023.

Each year, Delegate Mad-eleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) works in Congress to secure federal funding to improve mental health services, youth counseling, and substance abuse recovery programs on Guam.

“Young people suffering from mental illnesses, abuse, and substance addiction deserve our support, so I am very pleased to see this new federal grant for the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center,” said Bordallo. “I applaud director Rey Vega and his GBHWC team for their invaluable work, recognized by this new federal grant for the Center’s programs.” (PR)

Public invited to Summer Bash end in Guam base

SANTA RITA, Guam—The public is invited to the MWR Guam End of Summer Bash scheduled for Monday, Sept. 3, at U.S. Naval Base Guam - Polaris Point.

The gate at Polaris Point opens at 3pm and the event kicks off at 4pm.

A military ID or visitor pass is not required. However, all guests aged 18 and older are required to have a valid U.S. ID (i.e. Guam driver’s license or U.S. passport) to enter Polaris Point for the event.

There will be live entertainment by local dance group

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The rule that could threaten your green card



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President Donald Trump speaks at the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

As Congress and the courts have blocked some of President Donald Trump's most aggressive attacks on immigration, the White House has chosen to wage the war through federal regulation. A proposed rule change under review by the Office of Management and Budget would have far-reaching effects on legal immigrants already living in the U.S. and on others seeking to come.

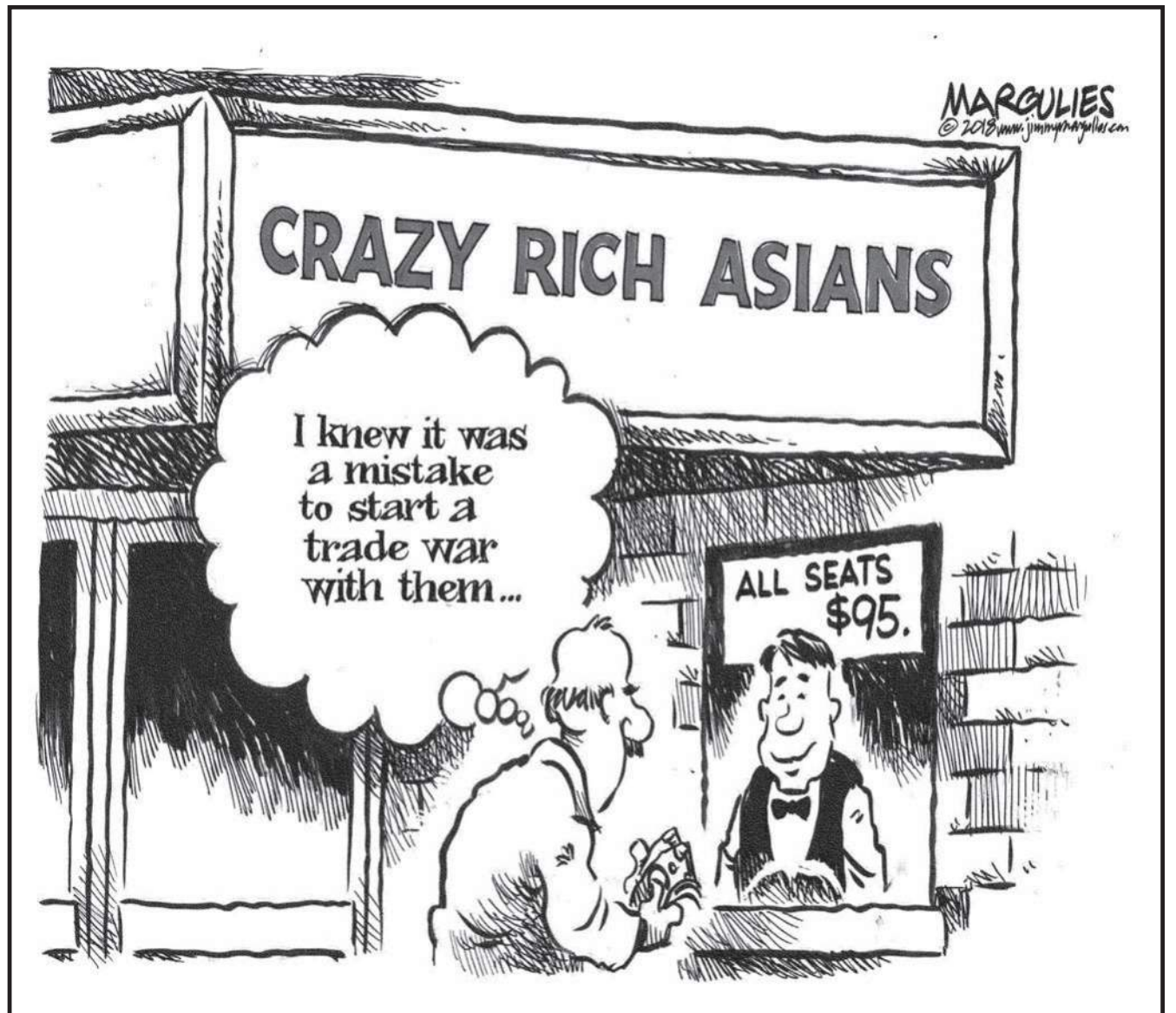
The rule, early versions of which have been leaked, would greatly expand the definition of who is likely to become a "public charge." Currently, an immigrant applying for residence through a family or diversity visa is denied if he or she appears likely to become dependent on cash assistance from the government, such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or to require long-term health care at public expense.

Now, the Trump administration is considering making it more difficult for immigrants to obtain a green card for residency or a temporary visa extension if they—or their dependents—use any of a wide range of noncash public benefits, including food stamps, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program or public assistance for housing or home heating. The rule would apply even if the dependents are children who are American citizens.

The rule stands to increase by a factor of more than 15 the share of noncitizens who could be deemed "likely to become a public charge"—to nearly half of the noncitizen population, according to the Migration Policy Institute. From 2014 to 2016, almost 18 million noncitizens and naturalized citizens lived in families in which at least one member used a major means-tested public benefit program.

The policy appears to assume that immigrants who re-

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Whether church or state, powerful men are letting us down

It is not a good time for those who want to believe—in their faith or in their government. No one expects any institution to be perfect, particularly those that are large and complicated. But why do so many have to be perfectly corrupt, spurring cynicism in those once so willing to give the benefit of the doubt?

There is the church I was raised in, one whose good works and ministries I loved while acknowledging flaws and grudgingly accepting the stern teachings of nuns and priests, and obeying the commandments as best I could. Pope Francis, a pontiff I admire for his common touch and common sense offered a message of understanding after a Pennsylvania grand jury report recounted horrific sins and crimes—the abuse of 1,000 minors by 300 priests over 70 years—covered up by Catholic Church leaders.

"With shame and repentance, we acknowledge as an ecclesial community that we were not where we should have been, that we did not act in a timely manner, realizing the magnitude and the gravity of the damage done to so many lives," Francis wrote in a letter to all Catholics. "We showed no care for the little ones; we abandoned them."

But those beautiful words came late, and earned a measure of righteous scorn from those who have heard a similar message in the past with little action to follow as scandals unfolded all over the world. One can imagine few greater sins than robbing children of their innocence and their faith. It is a wound that never truly heals.

Is the church just another institution led by powerful men quick to condemn some sins while ignoring mortal ones in their midst?

A devout member of my parish, one I would least expect to question church hierarchy, wondered why she was chided in confession for missing a few weekly Masses throughout the year when offending priests were transferred from church to church or allowed to retire in peace, something their victims often fail to find.

No faith is immune. In just one example, another icon, Paige Patterson, was removed as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary this year after being accused of mishandling rape accusations.

The earthly representatives of the Lord's teachings clearly have not lived up to the task and have much work to do to regain trust.

By **MARY C. CURTIS**
CQ-Roll Call

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Yet many of these leaders who have not yet owned up to their part in actions have not hesitated to move their authority from the pulpit to politics, encouraging the faithful in the pews to follow their lead in the voting booth, comparing the importance of electing certain men and women to fulfilling God's will or supplying simple litmus tests on issues life has shown to be complex.

Is it heresy, hypocrisy or a supreme belief in their own not-so-divine judgment?

You can't help but wonder when or if the line will ever be drawn as more politicians disappoint, sowing division and dissension instead of any sense of national unity, and looking out for themselves before the citizens and Constitution they swear an oath to defend. Leaders of church and state need to come down to earth with the rest of us.

That's not meant to ignore the majority of faith and political leaders who step up for all the right reasons, and sacrifice more lucrative pursuits to choose a humbler vocation.

And I would be the last one to suggest a parallel between the scandals now dogging heads of institutions—corporate, political and spiritual. Each owns individual transgressions, and all transgressors need to be called to account in individual ways.

Consider the ex-members of the Trump team—former campaign chair Paul Manafort and self-described fixer Michael Cohen—who this week were found or pleaded guilty to felonies, joining others on the wrong side of the Mueller and related investigations.

Or California Republican Rep. Duncan Hunter and his wife, See **WHETHER** on Next Page

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The senator no one could ignore

John Sidney McCain's life and legacy are summed up by one word: courage. No modern American public figure more embodies that quality than the Arizona senator who died Saturday after a battle with brain cancer.

He displayed courage during 5 ½ years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, then he displayed a different kind of courage leading the effort to normalize relations with that country even though it had beaten and tortured him.

His courage was on display when he took on a Republican administration to denounce the use of torture during U.S. interrogations of terror suspects abroad after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Only three months before his death, he opposed President Donald Trump's nomination of Gina Haspel to head the CIA; she was a leader of the agency's torture policies after 9/11. McCain was a favorite of human rights activists, often greeted as a hero during his frequent visits to refugee camps.

It took guts to respond to the embarrassment of accepting campaign contributions from a corrupt banker during the 1980s while he was a freshman senator, by leading a long effort to reform the campaign finance system.

And he stood up to President Donald Trump and Republican congressional colleagues when he returned to the Senate floor last summer with a fresh scar from brain surgery to cast the key vote against repealing the Affordable Care Act. Then from his sick bed in March he assailed Trump for making a congratulatory phone call to President Vladimir Putin after the Russian leader's re-election victory.

"His courage was much like his personality: quick, defiant," said Mark Salter, McCain's friend, speechwriter and political alter ego. "He had guts. Others have guts; he used his for other people, particularly the oppressed." Salter co-authored a half-dozen books with McCain, including one titled, "Why Courage Matters: The Way to a Braver Life."

McCain's death leaves the Republicans with a 50-49 Senate majority. His replacement will be named by Arizona's Republican governor, Doug Ducey, who will face pressure from both a strong right-wing, pro-Trump wing of his party and a faction loyal to McCain. The senator and Trump had genuine contempt for one another.

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ceive public benefits, which are often temporary, represent a net loss to the nation. But this is false. Many of the immigrants who would be blocked by Trump's new test qualify for public benefits because they work for low wages or are sometimes in need of assistance between jobs. Such a restrictive rule could easily pressure immigrants in crisis—even short-term crisis—to go without help for themselves or their dependents for fear of jeopardizing their status.

The purpose of the pending regulation change seems clear. Trump wants to end both diversity visas and what he calls "chain migration"—the reunification of immigrant families. Having failed to move relevant legislation through Congress, he is seeking to achieve a similar end through unilateral executive action. At the same time, his administration is turning away refugees and asylum seekers.

Legal immigrants come to the U.S. under a wide array of circumstances—some in comfort, others in desperation. But time and again, even the poorest and least-educated among them manage to work their way out of hardship and realize their American dream.

Making that process more difficult, by punishing striving immigrants for arriving without ample means, runs counter to American history and values. It also represents a threat to U.S. prosperity, which depends on the ingenuity and labor of immigrants to power the economy and pay the taxes that sustain social services.

The president should stop freelancing on immigration restriction and instead work with Congress to achieve an immigration compromise that serves American interests and upholds American values.

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McCain, who served more than 31 years in the Senate starting in 1987 after four in the House, was one of the two most important American politicians over the last 70 years who never made it to the Oval Office. (The other was Edward Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, who died in 2009 after 46 years in the Senate.) He was the senator no one could ignore.

He was a moderate conservative and foreign-policy hawk who opposed dictators, political corruption and Pentagon waste. He admired Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan, though he liked to cite as his real heroes President Theodore Roosevelt and the fictional Robert Jordan, the stoic anti-fascist fighter of Ernest Hemingway's novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

He was no saint. He could display a temper so volcanic that some colleagues thought it made him temperamentally unsuited to be president. (I was on the receiving end of a couple of those outbursts, and strongly disagree.)

He also engaged acts of great kindness. When former Democratic Congressman Morris K. Udall was dying of Parkinson's disease, for example, McCain would go the veterans' hospital and read to him.

He loved the political arena, identifying with the saying, "A fight not joined is a fight not enjoyed." Once he and his friend Kennedy noticed some new lawmakers arguing over an arcane matter on the Senate floor. They decided to join the fray and soon were bellowing at each other, clearing the field. They walked away laughing.

But he was serious about his hard-line foreign policy views, shaped by Vietnam. As a 31-year-old Navy pilot, he was shot down on his 23rd mission over North Vietnam. The son and grandson of admirals, he was brutalized as a trophy prisoner, yet refused an offer to be released ahead of another American who'd been imprisoned longer. In Hanoi there is a plaque by the lake where he was downed; his name is misspelled.

He thought the U.S. didn't fight to win that war, and became a consistent advocate of U.S. intervention in conflicts from the Middle East to the Korean Peninsula. He harbored a special contempt for Putin, whom he considered a thug, and he called energy-reliant Russia "a gas station masquerading as a country." He was deeply suspicious about Trump's ties to Russia and would have pressed more timid Republicans to investigate them more vigorously if he'd been able to remain active in the Senate.

While conservative on government spending, regulation and some social issues, he maintained working relationships with many liberals and cultivated a reputation as an independent maverick.

His pursuit of campaign finance reform infuriated many of his

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Margaret, who were accused in a federal indictment of allegedly using \$250,000 in campaign funds for personal expenses, and falsely claiming that personal expenditures were for "wounded warriors."

Or top Trump economic adviser Larry Kudlow, who had to explain how a white nationalist was invited to a party at his home.

When those who say "trust us" dodge and duck moral leader-

By **ALBERT R. HUNT**

Bloomberg View

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Republican colleagues. In 2002, he joined forces with the liberal Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin to win passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act banning

large contributions to national party committees. It won them a John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage award, though its effect was later blunted by Supreme Court decisions that reopened the spigots for big-money influence peddling in politics. His initiative grew out of what he called his most painful personal moment, taking gifts from a sleazy businessman named Charles Keating.

And while his bipartisan inclinations and appeals for political civility were heartfelt, his choice of the divisive Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska to be his running mate during his 2008 presidential run against Barack Obama also helped legitimize the strain of Republican populism that produced Trump.

If McCain wasn't mad at you, he was engaging company. Sixteen years ago, my wife and I were preparing to take our children to Arizona to see the Grand Canyon and Canyon de Chelly. My wife mentioned it to McCain, who insisted that we spend a weekend at a guest cottage on his ranch near Sedona. As a journalist, it made me a little uncomfortable, but it's hard to say no to John McCain.

The visit was glorious. McCain commandeered the grill and told stories. Our oldest son has severe

disabilities and was going through a tough time. McCain took charge, wheeling him around the grounds, making him laugh and forget his worries.

One evening he and I, with glasses of wine, were sitting by the creek as he related the advice he'd given to his friend and fellow decorated Vietnam veteran, John Kerry. Kerry was planning a run for president, so McCain reminded him of another military hero who tried and failed to reach the White House.

"John Glenn was a much bigger hero than either of us," McCain remembered saying. "This can get you in the room but then you have to fill it."

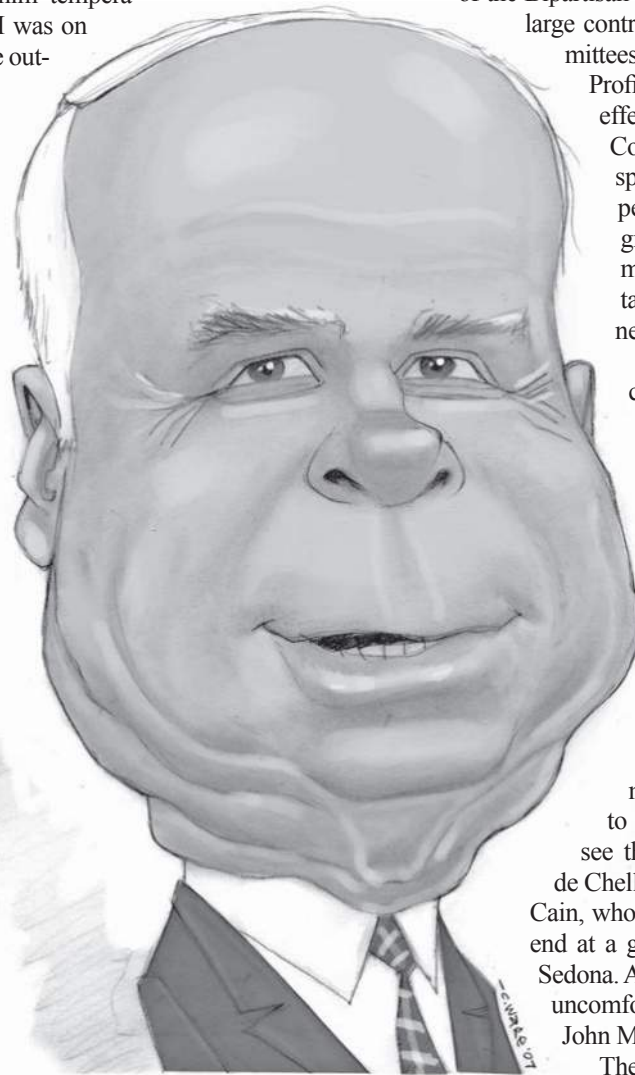
In an extraordinary life, John McCain filled the room.

ship and civic responsibility, someone else has to pick up the slack, and not just in taxes not paid or agencies left underfunded and rudderless.

In matter spiritual and political, we are left to figure it out, with, perhaps, help from above, if that is your choice, or by looking to leaders who have yet to break their promises and our hearts.






Finding resilience and strength after disappointment isn't necessarily a bad thing. But everyone wants something or someone to believe in.

That doesn't seem too much to ask.

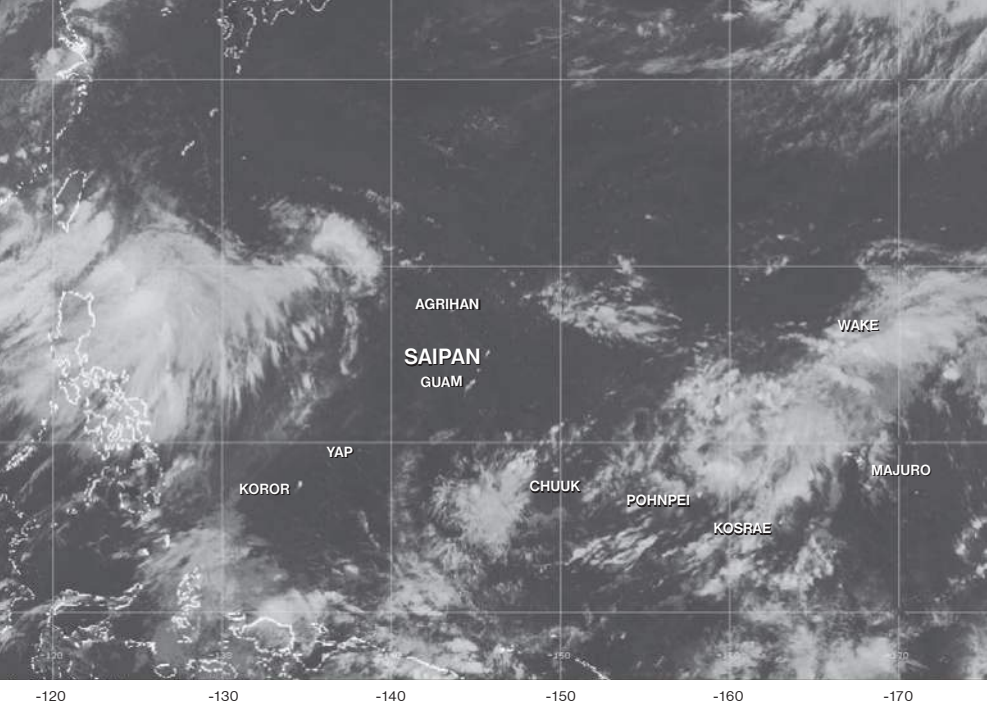


The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 3:36 PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Radar shows isolated showers over southern Guam, otherwise fair weather and light to moderate N to NE winds prevail over the Marianas. A surface trough far northeast of Saipan is triggering showers near 17N151E, and active weather is over eastern parts of Micronesia. Local buoys show combined seas only about 3 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▲ ▼ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	85° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 76°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▲ ▼ °F		
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	61° / 54°
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	88° / 72°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°
Honolulu	Thunderstorm	87° / 77°
London	Partly Cloudy	72° / 55°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	80° / 65°
Manila	Thunderstorm	88° / 79°
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	55° / 39°
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 80°
New York	Partly Cloudy	92° / 76°
Osaka	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°
Paris	Showers	75° / 57°
Busan	Thunderstorm	82° / 75°
Rome	Sunny	84° / 61°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	89° / 71°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61° / 54°
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 70°
Tokyo	Thunderstorm	88° / 77°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	93° / 75°



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7:36 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.85
2:34 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.00
9:00 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.85

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Today	6:04 AM	6:33 PM
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Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	6:24 AM	7:11 PM
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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
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LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
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OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
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3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
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4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
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2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
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2018 Annual Labor Day Picnic



Both the Department of Public Lands and the Department of Finance rented tents for the 2018 annual Labor Day Picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. ERWIN ENCINARES



The Commonwealth Casino Commission and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs set up separate tents Saturday for the 2018 annual Labor Day Picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. ERWIN ENCINARES



Both the Marianas Visitors Authority and the Commonwealth Development Authority attended the picnic Saturday at the 2018 annual Labor Day Picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. ERWIN ENCINARES



The Commonwealth Ports Authority and the Saipan Mayor's Office set up tents at the 2018 annual Labor Day Picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. ERWIN ENCINARES



The Department of Public Safety enjoyed their lunch Saturday while the staff of the Legislature poses for a picture during the pre-Labor Day picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base. ERWIN ENCINARES

Business

'Private' mess: Musk's credibility goes from bad to worse

DETROIT (AP)—First it was the shocking tweet that funding was secured and Tesla may go private, then a statement that the money wasn't locked down after all. Two weeks later it's never mind, the whole deal is off.

Welcome to the disarray of Elon Musk, the impulsive genius and architect of cutting-edge car, rocket and solar panel companies built nearly from scratch.

Chaos, though, comes with

a price. Experts say it all could wind up with Tesla exposed to a fine for misleading investors. And even though Musk has almost legendary status, the episode could further erode his credibility with stakeholders who have endured multiple broken promises and years of losses as a public company.

"Prior to the go-private episode, his credibility was in question, although investors still had overall confidence in

the guy," Erik Gordon, a business and law professor at the University of Michigan, said Saturday. "This whole go-private episode has taken his credibility close to zero."

The bizarre story began Aug. 7 when Musk, while driving to the airport, tweeted he was considering taking the company private and that funding had been secured for the deal. Investors would be paid \$420 per share, a 23 percent premium over the Aug. 6 closing

price. No other details were given, but Tesla's stock shot up 11 percent that day. At \$420, buying all Tesla shares would cost around \$72 billion.

Then, in a blog post six days later, Musk wrote the money wasn't locked down, revealing that Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund was the source of the cash but was still doing due diligence. Musk said the Tesla board and some big investors had been told he was considering taking the

company private before he tweeted that information. He said he tweeted the disclosure so everyone could have the information.

Musk, who owns 20 percent of Tesla, also said he expected only a third of shareholders to sell, meaning the deal would be valued around \$24 billion.

Late Friday came a statement from Musk saying that after talking to investors, the plan to go private would be scrubbed. Big institutional investors told him they had limits on how much they could sink into a private company.

The episode drew attention from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which reportedly is investigating Tesla for possible manipulation of the stock price. At least two lawsuits seeking class-action status also have been filed alleging Musk broke securities laws by making it sound like financing for the buyout was

lined up.

James Cox, a Duke University professor who specializes in corporate governance and securities law, said regulations prohibit companies from making misleading statements that influence the markets.

"The fact that he's now backing off so quickly, within a matter of weeks, indicates the insincerity in which the first statement was made," Cox said.

While Musk disclosed the possible buy-back on Aug. 7, he didn't reveal all contingencies including that the Saudi fund had to investigate, said Peter Henning, a Wayne State University law professor and former SEC attorney. "I think his most recent statement shows that this wasn't thought through," Henning said. "That's going to be a concern for the SEC because that's how investors can be misled, with incomplete information."



In this Sept. 4, 2014, file photo, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, from left, executive director of the Governor's office of economic development Steve Hill and Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk answer questions following a news conference at the Capitol in Carson City, Nev.

Houston-area voters overwhelmingly back flood-control bond

HOUSTON (AP)—Voters in Houston and its surrounding county marked the anniversary of Hurricane Harvey coming ashore by approving the issuance of \$2.5 billion in bonds to fund flood-control projects that might mitigate the damage caused by future storms.

With nearly all precincts reporting Saturday night, about 85 percent of voters approved the referendum. The bonds will fund projects that may include buyouts of homes in flood-prone areas, the expansion of local bayous and the construction of additional stormwater detention basins.

Harvey, which made landfall as a powerful Category 4 storm on Aug. 25, 2017, killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas. Thirty-six of the deaths were in the low-lying Houston area, where days of torrential rainfall and decades of unchecked development contributed to the flooding of

more than 150,000 homes and 300,000 vehicles.

The bond referendum would help pay for projects to be chosen from a list of more than 230 proposals. Officials said the bond money would help supplement federal funds earmarked for flood mitigation after Harvey.

Passage of the measure means taxpayers in Harris County, which includes Houston, would see an average increase of \$5 per year in their property taxes.

"Harris County residents have put their trust in the Flood Control District," district executive director Russ Poppe said in a statement after Saturday's vote. "We plan to work extremely hard and efficiently to turn the financial resources made available as a result of this election into the reality of reduced flooding risks."

Poppe also said the agenda for next week's Harris County

Commissioners Court will include more than a dozen flood-control projects.

Houston, which is barely above sea level, has long been susceptible to flooding. A web of bayous and other watersheds that can overflow during heavy rainfall snake their way through Harris County. Flood maps show that more than 25 percent of Harris County is in the 100-year flood plain and more than 33 percent of the county is in the 500-year flood plain. Structures in a 100-year flood plain have a 1 percent chance of flooding in any given year, while those in a 500-year flood plain have a 0.2 percent chance of flooding during any year. The Houston area has had three 500-year flood events since 2015. Many of the Houston area homes damaged during Harvey were not in designated flood plains.

The flooding from Harvey and damaging storms in the two preceding years has gal-

vanized efforts to make the Houston area more resilient to future floods.

Since Harvey, the city and the county have approved rules requiring new homes and other buildings constructed in flood plains to be built higher off the ground to avoid flooding.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said things like the bond referendum and the new building rules show that the area is serious about better protecting itself.

"As we develop going forward, we're going to have to do things differently," Turner said.

The bond referendum received bipartisan support and was endorsed by business and labor groups as well as religious and community advocacy organizations.

However, there were some community concerns about transparency and how the money would be used.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trump suggests US close to 'big' trade agreement with Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump says the United States is close to a "big Trade Agreement" with Mexico and he's citing improving ties between the two countries.

Trump says on Twitter that the U.S.-Mexico relationship "is getting closer by the hour" and he says a trade deal "could be happening soon!" He's spoken of better relations with America's neighbor following the rise of Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (ahn-DRAYS' mahn-WEHL' LOH'-pez OH'-brah-dohr). The U.S. and Mexico have been discussing a trade deal as part of negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement. The Trump administration is seeking a revised version of that trade deal with Mexico and Canada. Trump's relationship with Mexico has been strained over his push for it to pay for his border wall.

Disney World could start pay at \$15 an hour if deal approved

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Walt Disney World will begin paying a starting wage of \$15 an hour in less than three years if a new agreement is approved by workers next month. The company and a coalition of unions reached

the tentative deal late Friday after a year of negotiations. Disney's unionized workers will vote in early September on the proposal to raise the starting minimum wage from \$10 to \$15 an hour by 2021. The deal covers about half of Disney World's 70,000 workers in metro Orlando. If approved, it could have a big impact in the theme park mecca since Disney tends to influence what other Orlando tourism businesses pay their workers.

Functioning Apple computer built in 1970s up for auction

BOSTON (AP)—A piece of computer history that helped launch a trillion dollar company is hitting the auction block. A fully functioning Apple-1 being auctioned by Boston-based RR Auction in September is one of only 60 or so remaining of the original 200 that were designed and built by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak in 1976 and 1977. It was restored to its original, operational state by Apple expert Corey Cohen. The system was operated without fault for approximately eight hours in a test. It even includes the original keyboard from the 1970s. It shows the humble beginnings of Cupertino, California-based Apple, which recently became the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at \$1 trillion. The Apple 1 originally sold for about \$666. It could get \$300,000 or more at auction.

Nation

Hawaii emerges from threat as storm veers away from islands

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaii emerged Saturday from the threat of a potentially devastating hurricane after historic amounts of rain forced evacuations on some islands but damage appeared less than feared.

Tropical Storm Lane, once known as Hurricane Lane, began to break apart as it veered west into the open Pacific, leaving behind sighs of relief and plenty of cleanup, especially on the Big Island where rainfall totals approached 4 feet (1.2 meters).

No storm-related deaths have been reported, though Big Island authorities said they plucked families from floodwaters and landslides closed roads.

The National Weather Service canceled all storm warnings for the state, several hours

after shopkeepers in Honolulu's tourist-heavy areas already started taking down plywood meant to protect windows if the storm made it that far.

Preliminary figures from the weather service show that Lane dropped the fourth-highest amount of rain for a hurricane to hit the United States since 1950. Hurricane Harvey, which devastated Texas a year ago, topped the list.

The storm's outer bands dumped as much as 45 inches (114 centimeters) on the mostly rural Big Island, measurements showed. The main town of Hilo, population 43,000, was flooded Friday with waist-high water.

Authorities rescued 39 people from floodwaters Friday and Saturday, all in the eastern part of the Big Island where



James Fujita, left, and Reid Fujita take down plywood boards that were to protect their store from Tropical Storm Lane along Waikiki Beach, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in Honolulu. AP



ACROSS THE NATION

2 dead after Texas passenger train collides with dump truck

EULESS, Texas (AP)—Authorities in Northeast Texas say a passenger train collided with a dump truck that was on the tracks, killing two people inside the truck. Emergency crews say 11 people on the Trinity Railway Express were also injured in the crash Saturday afternoon and were taken to a nearby hospital. Two patients are in critical condition, while three others have serious but non-life-threatening injuries. The accident occurred in Euless, about halfway between Dallas and Fort Worth. The Dallas Morning News reports the collision shattered some train windows and damaged the front of the train. Dallas Area Rapid Transit spokesman Morgan Lyons tells KHOU the accident should have been avoidable. It is not clear how fast the train was traveling or why the dump truck was on the railroad tracks.

Mom who killed son, overdosed is recovering, authorities say

BEND, Ore. (AP)—An Oregon woman authorities say shot and killed her severely disabled 7-year-old son and then attempted suicide is expected to recover. Tashina Aleine Jordan, 28, is being treated at a Bend hospital following a life-threatening overdose, Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel told The Bulletin. Hummel said he's still undecided on what charges Jordan might face. "What is going to drive it is whether I believe a crime is committed,"

he said. "There are many pieces of information that may be relevant to what the sentence should be." A relative found Jordan unconscious Monday at the Bend home she shared with her son and mother. Authorities found the boy, named Mason, and pronounced him dead. Authorities have said notes at the scene indicated Jordan was the shooter. Hummel said that for several days it didn't look like Jordan would survive the overdose, but she has since improved.

American climbers Jeff Lowe, Tom Frost die on same day

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two famed American climbers, alpinist Jeff Lowe and Yosemite National Park legend Tom Frost, have died. Lowe's longtime partner, Connie Self, says he died Friday evening at a care facility in Fort Collins, Colorado, at age 67. He suffered for years from an unknown neurodegenerative disorder. In his career, Lowe climbed peaks around the world, including an epic solo ascent of the forbidding Eiger in the Swiss Alps in 1991. Frost's biographer, Steve Grossman, says the rock climber died of cancer on Friday at age 81, in Oakdale, California. Grossman, author of the upcoming book "Tom Frost A Climbing Life," says Frost was one of the pillars of the "golden age" of Yosemite climbing. Joyce Frost, wife of Tom Frost, says her husband died "peacefully and with dignity" on Friday. She says they were married for 22 years and she was "truly blessed." Lowe and Frost also made climbs together as part of expeditions to the Himalayas.

the rain concentrated, Hawaii County Civil Defense spokeswoman Kelly Wooten said. Teams were assessing damage, she said, but continued to focus on recovery efforts because it was still raining.

Big Island Book Buyers in Hilo opened as normal Saturday morning after owner Mary Bicknell saw a bit of sunshine and blue sky.

"Everybody is in pretty good spirits. It's kind of nice," she said of her customers be-

fore adding everyone was "hoping and praying it's over."

One of the island's volcanoes is erupting, and the rain could still cause whiteout conditions on some active lava fields when it hits the molten rock and boils off as steam.

About 200 miles (320 kilometers) and several islands to the northwest, tourists wandered Waikiki Beach and took leisurely swims as shopkeepers prepared to reopen.

Hotels began putting deck

chairs back alongside pools. Dozens of surfers were in the Pacific, looking to ride small waves. The breeze was light.

Winds were also calmer on Maui, which had seen about 12 inches (30 centimeters) of rain and wind gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph). On Saturday, winds were about 11 mph (18 kph). Like the Big Island, Maui experienced flooding and landslides.

Lane first approached the islands earlier this week as a

Category 5 hurricane, meaning it was likely to cause catastrophic damage with winds of 157 mph (252 kph) or above. But upper-level winds known as shear swiftly tore the storm apart.

As flooding hit the Big Island, winds fanned brush fires that had broken out in dry areas of Maui and Oahu. Some residents in a shelter on Maui had to flee flames, and another fire forced people from their homes.

Presidents, lawmakers honor McCain's life of service

WASHINGTON (AP)—Presidents and lawmakers from both parties honored Sen. John McCain's decades of service to his country in the hours after his death Saturday. President Donald Trump, who once criticized McCain for being taken prisoner during the Vietnam War, said his "deepest sympathies and respect" went out to McCain's family.

McCain, 81, died at his ranch in Arizona after a year-long battle with brain cancer. On Saturday night, a black hearse accompanied by a police motorcade could be seen driving away from the ranch near Sedona where the Republican senator spent his final weeks.

Trump's brief Twitter statement said "hearts and prayers" are with the McCain family. First lady Melania Trump thanked McCain for his service to the nation, which included more than five years as a prisoner of war and six terms in the Senate.

Trump and McCain were at odds until the end. The president, who mocked McCain's capture in Vietnam during the 2016 campaign, jabbed at the senator even after his illness for voting against Republican efforts to roll back President Barack Obama's health care law. Earlier this summer, McCain issued a blistering statement criticizing Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Former presidents, including those who blocked McCain's own White House ambitions, offered emotional tributes.

Obama, who triumphed over McCain in the 2008 election, said that despite their differences, McCain and he shared a "fidelity to something higher - the ideals for which generations of Americans and immigrants alike have fought, marched, and sacrificed."

Obama said the two political opponents "saw our political battles, even, as a

privilege, something noble, an opportunity to serve as stewards of those high ideals at home, and to advance them around the world."

Former President George W. Bush, who defeated McCain for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, called his one-time political rival "man of deep conviction and a patriot of the highest order" and a "friend whom I'll deeply miss."

Bush was among those expected to speak at McCain's funeral.

McCain was the son and grandson of admirals and followed them to the U.S. Naval Academy. A pilot, he was shot down over Vietnam and held as a prisoner of war for more than five years. He went on to win a seat in the House and in 1986, the Senate, where he served for the rest of his life.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called McCain a "fascinating personality."

"He would occasionally be in a bad place with various members, including myself, and when this would blow over it was like nothing ever happened," McConnell said Saturday after a GOP state dinner in Lexington, Kentucky. "He also had a wicked sense of humor and it made every tense moment come out better."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, who developed a friendship with McCain while they served together in the Senate, said the Arizona lawmaker will "cast a long shadow."

"The spirit that drove him was never extinguished: we are here to commit ourselves to something bigger than ourselves," Biden said.

McCain is expected to be remembered in Arizona and Washington before being buried, likely this week, at the Naval Academy Cemetery on a peninsula overlooking the Severn River.

Asia

A year after fleeing Myanmar, Rohingya demand justice

KUTUPALONG, Bangladesh (AP)—Thousands of Rohingya Muslim refugees on Saturday marked the one-year anniversary of the attacks that sent them fleeing to safety in Bangladesh, praying they can return to their homes in Myanmar and demanding justice for their dead relatives and neighbors.

More than 15,000 gathered in the morning on a hilltop in the Kutupalong refugee camp, part of a sprawling web

of settlements that are now home to nearly 900,000 Rohingya who have fled Myanmar to escape violence.

The camps exploded in size last year after Myanmar's army launched a wave of anti-Rohingya attacks on Aug. 25, with some 700,000 Rohingya eventually pouring across the border. Thousands were killed in the violence.

"25th August—Black Day," one banner announced Saturday.



Rohingya women march during a protest rally to commemorate the first anniversary of Myanmar army's crackdown which led to a mass exodus of Rohingya Muslims to Bangladesh, at Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018. AP

Duterte says buying US F-16 jets 'utterly useless'

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president is opposing an offer by the U.S. defense chief and other top American officials to buy F-16 fighter jets, saying such an acquisition would be "utterly useless" because his country needs lighter combat aircraft to fight insurgents.

President Rodrigo Duterte scoffed Thursday night at the offer he said was made in a letter by Defense Secretary James Mattis, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, which came after he was slammed by the U.S. for his deadly crackdown on illegal drugs.

After he took office in mid-2016, Duterte immediately took steps to revive once-frosty relations with China while often taking an antagonistic stance toward U.S. security policies. He had lashed out at former President Barack Obama, who raised concerns over human rights under Duterte. The Philippine leader, however, has cozied up to President Donald Trump.

During a televised speech in a military ceremony in southern Davao city, Duterte read what he said was the letter to him by the three U.S. Cabinet officials, who cited the long alliance between Washington and Manila and assured American support for Philippine efforts to modernize its military.

"We hope to partner in other significant defense procurement (for) our mutual benefit, including through the Lockheed Martin F-16 multi-role fighter platform and your attack helicopter platform among other U.S. systems," Duterte quoted the letter as saying.

The Philippines, however, doesn't need the F-16s "and

yet they dangled (them) before us after they humiliated us," Duterte said. "It would be utterly useless to buy it. But I need attack helicopters and small planes for the counterinsurgency."

Duterte repeated his frustrations with the U.S., including the non-delivery of about 23,000 rifles, which the Philippine police sought to buy from an American supplier. The arms purchase got derailed after some U.S. legislators raised concern over Duterte's police-led crackdown against illegal drugs, he said.

He also renewed his demand for the return of three church bells seized by American forces as war spoils from the Philippines more than a century ago. The two governments have discussed the return of the Balangiga bells, named for the Philippine village from which they were taken in the early 1900s.

"If they won't return the Balangiga bells, we have nothing to talk about," Duterte said.

Despite Duterte's antagonism toward Washington, a Philippine security official said the government was considering to buy combat utility helicopters from the U.S., among other countries, following the president's order to cancel a multimillion-dollar deal to buy 16 helicopters from Canada.

Known for his impromptu decisions and public outbursts, Duterte ordered the cancellation of the deal to acquire the Bell 412EPI helicopters after the Canadian government decided to review the 12 billion peso (\$235 million) contract due to concerns the Philippine military might use the utility helicopters in counterinsurgency assaults instead of just transporting troops and supplies.

The protesters—men, women and children—marched through the muddy camp, chanting slogans such as "No more genocide, we want justice." At a mass prayer rally, one speaker repeatedly shouted, "Who are we?" to which the crowd responded in chorus: "Rohingya! Rohingya!"

Most people cried as they raised their hands while an imam who led the prayer sought God's blessings, saying, "Please consider the people who have been killed as martyrs and place them in heaven."

Some of the protesters carried

paper flags of Myanmar. Newly setup shops inside the camp were closed during the protest, which lasted several hours.

Also on Saturday, some 100 protesters from a group of nongovernment organizations formed a human chain in front of the national press club in Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital, to demand the international community put pressure on Myanmar's government to try those responsible for murder, rape and arson, the English-language Daily Star reported.

"We are Rohingya, we are Muslims, we have been

driven away from our land, from our homes," an unidentified speaker told the crowd on Saturday. "We want justice. We want to go back to our homes."

But many doubt they'll ever be able to return despite more than a year of talks among Myanmar, Bangladesh, the United Nations and international aid agencies. Myanmar insists the Rohingya can return, and has built a series of camps for them, but few believe they would be safe there, or that they could finally be accepted as citizens.

While Rohingya have lived

for centuries in Myanmar, they have long been treated as outsiders, Muslims in a largely Buddhist nation who are denied citizenship and many basic rights. Many in Myanmar ridicule them as "Bengalis" who came illegally from Bangladesh.

Most live in poverty in Myanmar's Rakhine state, just across the border from Bangladesh. Over the past couple of decades, over 100,000 have fled into Bangladesh in earlier waves of violence. In total, more than 1 million Rohingya refugees currently live in Bangladesh.

Elderly Koreans shut out of family reunions use backchannels

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Kim Kyung-jae will probably never be chosen in the government lottery that would allow him to reunite one last time with his relatives in North Korea. But that's no problem, he said this week in an interview, even as a small group of the lucky South Koreans who won the lottery met with their loved ones in North Korea.

The 86-year-old Kim is one of a dwindling number of elderly South Koreans who, frustrated with North Korea's reluctance to allow more frequent reunions and by the small chance that they'll be selected before they die, found unofficial networks to communicate with their North Korean relatives. For three decades Kim has been sending his North Korean sister letters and aid.

"It's absolutely regrettable that other South Koreans don't

know about these communication channels," Kim said, showing a bunch of letters with North Korean stamps that his sister has sent to him over the years.

During this week's reunions, which end Sunday and are organized by the rival governments, hundreds of Koreans, many in their 70s or older, have been reunited for the first time since the 1950-53 Korean War. But they are just a tiny fraction of the separated families in the Koreas, where millions were split during the turmoil of the war. This is the 21st time the Koreas have had such reunions, but they don't occur regularly because of long periods of bad feelings between the rivals, and Pyongyang's reluctance to expose its people to the outside world.

So Kim and others turn to friends, brokers and others in China, Japan and elsewhere to

try to find out whether their relatives in North Korea are still alive and to arrange exchanges of letters, photos, phone calls and sometimes face-to-face meetings with them.

Officially, both Koreas ban their citizens from contacting each other without government approval. But South Korea allows and even quietly helps finance backchannel contacts among separated families on humanitarian grounds. It's likely that Seoul keeps the backchannel programs low-key because of worries about angering North Korea, which refuses South Korea's push to have more frequent official reunions because it uses them as political leverage. South Korean officials have occasionally told separated families of their support for unofficial exchanges, but they've stopped short of

major publicity campaigns because of concerns about brokers swindling people.

According to a Seoul government tally on civilian-arranged exchanges between separated families, there have been about 11,610 cases of letter exchanges and 1,755 face-to-face encounters involving 3,416 Koreans since 1990. By comparison, before this week's reunions, government-sponsored programs saw 19,770 people reunited in person since 2000; none was given a second chance to reunite.

The backchannel exchanges flourished during a previous "Sunshine" era of inter-Korean detente, but the number has sharply decreased in recent years as many elderly refugees in South Korea have died and North Korea has tightened control on its once porous border with China.

World

Pope in Ireland decries abuse cover-up, meets with victims

DUBLIN (AP)—Pope Francis faced a lukewarm reception and scattered protests Saturday on his trip to Ireland, with even his vow to rid the church of the “scourge” of sexual abuse and his outrage at those “repugnant crimes” dismissed as a disappointment by some of Ireland’s wounded victims.

But others who met with him in private left heartened that he would respond to their plight, including two of the thousands of children who were forcibly put up for adoption for the shame of having been born to unwed mothers. They said Francis described the corruption and cover-up in the church as “caca”—translated by the Vatican translator for the English speakers as “filth as one sees in the toilet.”

The abuse scandal—which has exploded anew in the U.S. but has convulsed Ireland since the 1990s with revelations of unfathomable violence and humiliation against women and children—took center stage on the first day of Francis’ two-day trip. The visit was originally intended to celebrate Catholic families.

Francis responded to the outcry by vowing to end sex abuse and cover-up during a speech to Irish government authorities at Dublin Castle.

“The failure of ecclesiastical authorities—bishops, religious superiors, priests and others—to adequately address these



repugnant crimes has rightly given rise to outrage, and remains a source of pain and shame for the Catholic community,” he told them. “I myself share these sentiments.”

He cited measures taken by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, to respond to the crisis. But while Benedict is credited with cracking down on abusers, he never acknowledged the Vatican’s role in fueling a culture of cover-up or

sanctioned bishops for failing to protect their flocks from predator priests.

Francis followed his promise with a 90-minute meeting with eight survivors of both clerical and institutional abuse and prayed quietly before a candle lit for victims in Dublin’s cathedral. But neither his words nor the meeting with victims is likely to assuage demands for heads to roll.

“Disappointing, nothing

new,” was the reaction from Irish abuse survivor Marie Collins, a former member of Francis’ sex abuse advisory panel who quit last year in frustration. She later took part in Francis’ meeting with seven other abuse survivors, including two priests and a public official.

Colm O’Gorman, who is leading a solidarity rally

on Sunday in Dublin for abuse victims, said Francis’ remarks about sharing the shame felt by Catholics were an “insult to faithful Catholics, who have no reason to feel shame because of the crimes of the Vatican and the institutional church.”

The reception that Francis received in Dublin contrasted sharply with the raucous, rock

Pope Francis passes by a banner of a protester as he leaves after visiting St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, in Dublin, Ireland, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.

star welcome that greeted St. John Paul II in 1979 in the first-ever papal visit here. No one from the public was at the airport or the roads nearby when Francis arrived Saturday and the streets near a church-run homeless shelter that Francis visited were practically empty despite barricades designed to hold back crowds.

At one protest, people tossed baby shoes to remind the pope of the poor treatment the Catholic Church doled out to the children of unwed mothers.

Crowds did throng Francis’ popemobile route and gathered outside Dublin’s cathedral, basking in the sunny weather, and a stadium was nearly full for his evening vigil to close out the church’s family rally.

And two of the Irish adoptees said they were heartened Francis said he would address their concerns at Mass on Sunday. They are asking him to publicly state that their mothers had done nothing wrong and to encourage reconciliation between all unwed mothers, many of them now aged, who were forced by society and the church to give up their children.

WORLD BRIEFS

3 earthquakes strike western Iran; 1 killed, 100 injured

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—A series of three earthquakes, included one at magnitude 6, have struck western Iran, with state media reporting one person has been killed and some 100 others injured. The U.S. Geological Survey says two other earthquakes magnitudes 4.4 and 4.2 respectively struck early Sunday near the city of Javanrud in Iran’s Kermanshah province. The state-run IRNA news agency quoted Kermanshah Governor Houshang Bazvand for the figure of the injured. The news agency reported a 70-year-old man died of a heart attack in the midst of the earthquakes. In November 2017, a major 7.3 magnitude earthquake struck the same region, killing over 530 people and injuring thousands in Iran alone. In Iraq, nine people were killed and 550 were injured. Iran sits on a series of faults that cause earthquakes.

Tourist bus crashes in Bulgaria; 16 reported killed

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP)—Bulgarian authorities say a tourist bus has flipped over on a highway near Sofia, the capital, killing at least 16 people and leaving 26 others injured. Police said a bus carrying tourists on a weekend trip to a nearby resort overturned and then fell down a side road 20 meters (66 feet) below the highway. The accident happened at 5:10 p.m. Saturday about 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Sofia.

Ambulances rushed to the scene and took the injured to Sofia hospitals. Doctors said some of them were in critical condition. Health Minister Kiril Ananiev gave an initial death toll of 15, but doctors from Sofia’s emergency hospital said another bus victim died Saturday night. The mayor of Bozhurishte, north of Sofia, told reporters that all the passengers were from his village. The government declared Monday a national day of mourning for the victims.

Neo-Nazis, counter-demonstrators rally in Swedish capital

STOCKHOLM (AP)—More than 200 supporters of the neo-Nazi Nordic Resistance Movement have staged a rally in the Swedish capital, chanting slogans and waving the group’s green-and-white flags. A six-hour rally was approved by Swedish police, who deployed a strong security presence around Stockholm’s Kungsholmstorg Square. But after just a few hours, the crowds wilted and a march was canceled. Police had warned of potential disturbances across the city but no violence was seen. Local media reported that a counter-rally drew about 200 people. The neo-Nazi group is anti-European Union, anti-gay and anti-immigration. The rally took place ahead of Sweden’s Sept. 9 general election, in which immigration is a key issue. The neo-Nazi march was among dozens of events held across Stockholm on Saturday, including an animal rights’ march that drew 500 people.

Colombians vote on anti-corruption referendum

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Colombians are voting Sunday in a first-of-a-kind referendum that aims to curb corruption in a country where white-collar criminals are fast replacing drug gangs and paramilitary groups in penetrating the upper echelons of power.

The referendum seeks to slash the salaries of Colombia’s Congress members and to bring laws that make public spending more efficient and transparent.

But while most Colombians agree that corruption is a plague that needs to be exterminated, some believe putting it to a vote is not the best way to do so.

The referendum has been boycotted by Colombia’s judges over fears it will lead to wage cuts in the judicial branch since a law states that salaries for top magistrates should be the same as those of Congress members.

“We already have lots of anti-corruption laws,” said Hermens Lara, a Bogota municipal judge who is director of the Board of Judges and Magistrates of Colombia.

“The problem is implementing them.”

Newly elected President Ivan Duque and most of Colombia’s main political parties say they back the measure, but they have done little to promote it or to lure voters to the polls.

Voters on Sunday will be asked seven questions that include whether to hand down tougher penalties on corrupt officials who now often serve out sentences in multi-million dollar homes; whether term limits should be imposed on lawmakers, and whether the salaries of members of Congress should be reduced by 40 percent.

Colombian law currently sets senators’ salaries at about \$124,000 per year, more than what parliamentarians make in countries like Holland, Sweden and France.

The measures focus on Congress and some experts question whether the changes would do anything to curb corruption elsewhere, such as within the judiciary or police.

“Some of the proposals have

no impact on corruption,” says Marcela Anzola, a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank. Still she said that passage would “give greater legitimacy to anti-corruption initiatives and send a strong message to politicians.”

According to Colombia’s inspector general, corruption in the country is equivalent to 4 percent of gross domestic product each year. One recent study by Transparency International found that 63 percent of companies in Colombia feared losing business if they did not engage in bribery.

That face of corruption in Colombia marks a stark change from the days when cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar was elected to Congress and his rivals in the Cali Cartel helped elect a president. Just a little over a decade ago, scores of congressional members were also charged or investigated for ties to right-wing paramilitary groups.

But today, experts say the biggest threat comes from white-collar criminals.

Focus

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EL PASO, Texas (AP)—Federal authorities' shift away from separating immigrant families caught in the U.S. illegally now means that many parents and children are quickly released, only to be fitted with electronic monitoring devices — a practice which both the government and advocacy groups oppose for different reasons.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement is issuing thousands of 5.5-ounce (155-gram) ankle monitors that immigrants call grilletas, or electronic shackles, spelling big profits for GEO Group, the country's second largest private prison contractor.

Government officials say the devices are effective in getting people to show up to immigration court, but that they stop working once deportation proceedings begin. The reason, according to attorneys and people who wore the devices or helped monitor those wearing them: Some immigrants simply ditch them and disappear.

Immigrant advocates and legal experts argue, meanwhile, that the devices — which are commonly used for criminal parolees — are inappropriate and inhumane for people seeking U.S. asylum. The American Bar Association has called doing so “a form of restriction on liberty similar to detention, rather than a meaningful alternative to detention.”

Congress first established the program in 2002, though GPS monitors grew more common as deportations rose to record levels under President Barack Obama's administration, averaging more than 385,000 annually from 2008-2012. Their use increased even more after 2014, when thousands of unaccompanied minors and families began traveling to the U.S.-Mexico border and asking for asylum, fleeing gang and drug smugglers or domestic violence in Central America.

Earlier this year, immigrant families were separated as part of a “zero tolerance” program. But President Donald Trump reversed that policy with an executive order in June, meaning reunited families are being treated like other asylum seekers. They're usually detained for a few days, then issued ankle monitors and released to live with friends or relatives already in the U.S. as they



As more immigrants wear monitors, effectiveness is disputed

progress through a process that can take years.

As of early July, there were nearly 84,500 active participants in ICE's Intensive Supervision Appearance Program, or alternatives to detention — more than triple the number in November 2014. Around 45 percent of those were issued GPS monitors, 53 percent report by phone using biometric voice verification and 2 percent use facial recognition apps.

ICE spokesman Matthew Bourke said immigration court attendance is strong for immigrants in intensive supervision, but that ankle monitors and other measures are “not an effective tool” after deportation orders are issued. There isn't reliable information on the number of ankle monitor recipients who remove them and flee — especially when deportation is imminent — but experts say it's high.

“People can just cut those things off if they want to,” said Sara Ramey, a San Antonio immigration attorney whose asylum-seeking clients are routinely assigned ankle monitors. “It doesn't really ensure compliance.”

The most recent available data was in 2012, when a contractor's annual report (later referenced in a 2015 Department of Homeland Security Inspector General report) showed that 17,524 people, or around 65 percent of nearly 40,500 total participants, left the intensive supervision program that year. Of those,

around a fifth were deported or granted asylum, while about 5 percent “absconded.” The rest were arrested, violated other program rules or were no longer required to participate for unspecified reasons — which made determining the program's true success rate impossible.

Many in the Trump administration see alternative to detention programs as undermining their larger goal of keeping immigrants in custody, which helps resolve court cases faster and leads to more deportations.

Officials wanted to keep families in detention until their cases were completed, but a federal agreement on the handling of children in government custody generally prevents youngsters from being detained longer than 20 days. In the meantime, ankle monitors and other alternatives to detention programs resulted in 2,430 people being deported from the U.S. in fiscal year 2017, Bourke said. That's an average cost of \$75,360 per deportation.

Overall spending on alternatives to detention rose to \$183 million for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 2017, up from \$91 million in 2014, Bourke said. In the same period, the number of deportations for people in the program only increased by 273, from 2,157 to 2,430 — or only about 1 percent of the more than 226,000 people ICE deported over the same period, Bourke said.

ICE's average length of

stay in immigration detention is about 40 days, while the average length of time for immigrants not in custody to have immigrant cases on court dockets is more than eight years. Though daily costs are lower when releasing immigrants with electronic monitoring rather than keeping them in custody, the average cost of detention is about \$5,500, compared to \$16,000 for someone who is released but remains under surveillance for years, the Trump administration says.

That's a key reason why ankle monitors have been a boon to Boca Raton, Florida-based GEO Group, which in 2010 acquired Behavioral Interventions Inc. of Boulder, Colorado, for \$410 million. A year earlier, Behavioral Interventions had secured ICE's first nationwide supervision contract for immigrants in the country illegally. GEO signed an intensive supervision contract in 2014 that has been renegotiated several times and is set to expire in November.

GEO says, under its contract, it must refer all questions to ICE.

Stock in the company, which employs David Venturella, a former ICE assistant director, and has ex-ICE chief Julie Myers Wood on its board, has outrun the larger bull market since Trump took office in January 2017.

Ankle monitors used to be most frequently issued to women with young children, but now are being increas-

ingly affixed to all kinds of immigrants.

Sandra — who asked that her full name not be published so as not to jeopardize her asylum case — said she left La Union el Pozo Sayaxche in northern Guatemala with her 12-year-old son, Juan Carlos, on May 12. She said she fled because she faced discrimination because of her dark skin, but that she also was attacked sexually by a man who threatened to kill her if she went to the police.

The pair walked through the night and turned themselves into U.S. authorities about three weeks later. They were held in different Texas detention centers for nearly two months, then reunited and released — but not before she got an ankle monitor. They now live in New Jersey, where she's required to meet regularly with an immigration official.

“I feel tortured,” Sandra said. “I'm not in one of those detention centers, thank God, but I still feel like I'm a prisoner.”

The devices have rechargeable batteries that often last six hours or less and must be powered at all times. Taylor Levy, legal coordinator at Annunciation House in El Paso, which has taken in hundreds of reunited families, said most of the immigrant adults get ankle monitors — and many complain that they give them rashes, apply painful pressure and make getting dressed difficult.

If a device's battery dies or bangs against something,

AP
In this Monday, July 23, 2018, file photo, Immigrant seeking asylum Ildra Medreano wears an ankle monitor at a Catholic Charities facility not long after she was reunited with her son in San Antonio. Federal authorities' shift away from separating immigrant families crossing into the U.S. illegally now means that many parents and children are quickly released from custody only to be fitted with electronic monitoring devices, a practice that has spiked in recent years but which both the government and advocacy groups oppose for different reasons.

alarms are triggered and orders are barked in Spanish, usually commanding wearers to call their case workers. The same holds when a monitor registers a geolocation outside the area to which a wearer is restricted. Immigrants issued ankle monitors also usually must stay home on assigned days for unannounced visits, or are required to check in personally with case workers.

A visit to a low-slung office building near Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport found nearly 70 people — almost all women — sitting in folding chairs waiting to see case workers, their ankle monitors tucked beneath pants legs. Maria, 40, showed off her monitor and bruised ankle. She said she'd fled the Honduran city of San Pedro de Sula after gang members threatened to kidnap her daughter but asked that her surname be withheld, citing concerns for her safety.

Many men with monitors “cut them loose and take off,” Maria said. “Better if I stay here and follow instructions to the end.”

Two former case workers with a GEO subsidiary, who spoke on condition that they not be named because they wanted to safeguard their chances for future government employment, said it was common for ankle monitors to be removed prematurely, and people who do so are rarely pursued. That's consistent with the 2015 DHS inspector general's report, which found that ICE lacked the resources to chase many who abscond.

“ICE has other priorities and most likely will not look for them,” said one of the former case workers, who worked in Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi. He said that if someone did flee, the priority was recovering their ankle monitor — not tracking down the person who abandoned it.

“We would visit their house and knock on their door,” the former case worker said, “and at most try to look for the GPS unit.”

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A good stretch to start the day

Here are a few simple stretches that will help you get your body stretched out and moving before you get out of bed.

Under-the-covers stretch



Clasp your hands and reach as far upward as you can

At the same time, gently push your toes downward

Hold for 15 seconds

Hamstring stretch

Raise your left knee and grab the leg below the knee; pull gently toward your chest



Slowly straighten the leg, just enough to put tension on the hamstring



Hold 15 seconds, then lower the leg gently and repeat on the other side; stretch each leg twice



Knees-to-side stretch

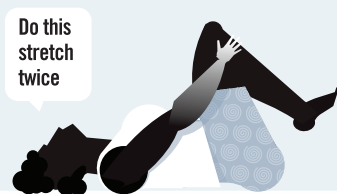
Pull up both knees, holding them together

Roll them to one side, keeping your shoulders flat; don't force them if they don't go all the way down

Hold for 15 seconds, then repeat on the other side; stretch twice to each side

Knees-to-chin stretch

Hold your knees together, pull them toward your chest and hold for 15 seconds



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A Cross-Fit class at Cave Cross Fit in Los Angeles. Making healthy choices like frequency exercise and maintaining a healthy weight could extend your life by a dozen years, according to a recent study.

STUDY:

These 5 healthy habits could extend your life by a dozen years or more

By KAREN KAPLAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

You know that getting exercise, eating vegetables and quitting smoking are good for you. A new study shows just how good they are, in terms of the number of years they can add to your life.

American women who followed five "healthy lifestyle factors" lived about 14 years longer than women who followed none of them, according to a report published Monday in the journal *Circulation*. For men, the difference was about 12 years.

The five healthy lifestyle factors identified in the study should come as no surprise to anyone: eating a nutritious diet, exercising at least 30 minutes a day, maintaining a healthy

weight, not smoking, and drinking in moderation.

The only surprise might be just how much these healthy choices can pay off.

The biggest benefits were seen by those who adhered to all five factors. But following any one of them was associated with extra years of life—and the more people followed, the longer they lived.

Researchers quantified these benefits by analyzing data on 78,865 women who enrolled in the Nurses' Health Study in 1976 and 44,354 men who joined the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study in 1980. By 2014, 42,167 of these men and women had died, including 10,689 who died of cardiovascular disease and 13,953 who succumbed to cancer.

The risk of death was not evenly

distributed among study participants. After accounting for factors like age, ethnicity, vitamin use and family history of certain diseases, the researchers saw a strong correlation between the lifestyle choices people made and their chances of being alive in 2014.

Men and women who were 5-for-5 on the lifestyle factors were 74 percent less likely to die during the study period than their counterparts who were 0-for-5. In particular, they were 65 percent less likely to die of cancer and 82 percent less likely to die of cardiovascular disease, the researchers found.

At age 50, the women who had the healthiest lifestyles could expect to live until age 93, 14 years longer than women who had the least healthy lifestyles. Among 50-year-old men,

the healthiest could expect to live until age 87, 12 years longer than their least-healthy counterparts.

However, only 8 percent of American adults were meeting all five criteria for a healthy life as of 2006, the study authors noted. Being overweight or obese was the primary obstacle, they added.

Altogether, about half of the premature cancer deaths and nearly three-quarters of the premature deaths due to cardiovascular disease could be blamed on a failure to maintain a healthy lifestyle, the researchers found. But it doesn't have to be this way.

"Prevention should be a top priority for national health policy, and preventive care should be an indispensable part of the health care system," the researchers wrote.

What to eat before a workout to lose weight

By KAREN D'SOUZA
THE MERCURY NEWS

If you turned over a new leaf this year and are vowing to stick with your exercise plan, you likely already have most of the gear you need, from a kickin' pair of athletic shoes to a shiny new eco-water bottle, but there is one crucial element you may have missed. What are you eating? Knowing what to nibble on before and after you exercise can be the difference between meeting your fitness goals and falling headlong into a tub of gelato by nightfall.

The goal is to fuel your fitness, to stay energized without eating so much you upset your stomach. If you are always pushing yourself to workout when you feel pooped, it'll be tough to stick to the plan overtime.

"If you haven't eaten in a long time, your body is in a fasted state," Nancy Cohen, a professor in the department of nutrition at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst told CNN. "Normally, your body will use glucose for fuel and begin to break down muscle glycogen to deliver the glucose your body needs for exercise. In a fasted state, the muscle glycogen

will be depleted sooner. Your body will then turn to breaking down fats for the energy it needs."

But you don't want to eat a whole cheeseburger either. As Consumer Reports advises, a snack packed with fiber-rich carbs and protein right about 30 to 60 minutes ahead of a workout is just about perfect. Think small snack, maybe around 200 calories.

And tailor the food to the activity. If you are lifting weights to build your strength, go with protein, like Greek yogurt, almonds or string cheese. If you are breaking a sweat with car-

dio, complex carbs such as raisins or string cheese might be ideal.

This may sound surprising but what you eat right after is also key to getting in shape, notes Consumer Reports. If you are trying to lose weight, you don't want to find yourself famished by dinner time, which may lead to poor choices (pizza delivery!).

Instead keep your appetite in check. Nosh on a healthy post-exercise appetizer, such as apple slices with peanut butter, that keeps you going and helps replenish the body so you're not totally wiped out. And don't forget to rehydrate.

Life & Style

'Crazy Rich Asians' draws immigrant parents to the movies

When "Crazy Rich Asians" surpassed expectations and grabbed the top spot at the box office in its opening weekend, the film also pulled off another surprising feat: It put Asians of a certain age in theater seats.

Younger Asian-Americans have been flocking with their parents to see the first movie in 25 years with an all-Asian cast.

For many older, first-generation Asian immigrants, going to the movies doesn't rank high among hobbies and interests. The crowds, the language barrier and ticket prices are often turnoffs.

But the appeal of "Crazy Rich Asians," the story of a culture clash that erupts when an Asian-American woman from New York meets her boyfriend's family in Singapore, has bridged a real-life generation gap.

Earning more than \$40 million since its Aug. 15 release, the film already has a sequel in development.

An adaptation of Kevin Kwan's bestselling novel, the rom-com is poised to hit the \$100 million mark due to its popularity and a lack of strong competition in the next month,

comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

"The over-performance of 'Crazy Rich Asians' shows the power of a great movie with universal themes to draw all audiences and also to break down preconceived notions of what can constitute a box office hit," Dergarabedian said.

Broken down by ethnicity, Asians made up nearly 40 percent of the film's audience during its opening weekend, Warner Bros. said. By comparison, Asian/Pacific Islanders comprised just 10 percent of the audience in the opening days of last year's "Spider-Man: Homecoming," according to an analysis done by comScore/Screen Engine's PostTrak.

The jump can be partly credited to enthusiastic Asian-Americans who wanted their parents to be part of what the film's star, Constance Wu, has called a "movement."

Lie Shia Ong-Sintzel, 36, of Seattle talked her parents into coming along the second time she saw the movie. It was the first time in five years the couple—Chinese immigrants from Indonesia—had



In this Thursday, Aug. 23, 2018 photo, Audrey Sue-Matsumoto, right, holds tickets as she poses for photos with her mother Alice Sue while interviewed outside of a movie theater after watching the movie Crazy Rich Asians in Daly City, Calif. AP

Prince's family sues doctor who prescribed him pain pills

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The family of the late rock star Prince is suing a doctor who prescribed pain pills for him, saying the doctor failed to treat him for opiate addiction and therefore bears responsibility for his death two years ago, their attorney announced Friday.

Prince Rogers Nelson died of an accidental overdose of fentanyl April 15, 2016. Authorities say Dr. Michael Schulenberg admitted prescribing a different opioid to Prince in the days before he died, oxycodone, under his bodyguard's name to protect the musician's privacy. Schulenberg has disputed that, although he paid \$30,000 to settle a federal civil violation alleging that the drug was prescribed illegally.

The lawsuit filed in Hennepin County District Court this week alleges that Schulenberg and others had "an opportunity and duty during the weeks before Prince's death to diagnose and treat Prince's opioid addiction, and to prevent his death. They failed to do so."

According to the complaint, which was first reported by ABC News.com, Prince's family seeks unspecified dam-

ages in excess of \$50,000.

An attorney for Prince's six surviving siblings said Friday that the new lawsuit will eventually replace a lawsuit they filed in April in Illinois to beat a legal deadline. A week before he died, Prince lost consciousness on a flight home from playing a concert in Atlanta. The plane made an emergency stop in Moline, Illinois, where he was revived at Trinity Medical Center with a drug that reverses opioid overdoses.

"Prince lived in Minnesota all his life and passed away here, so we always thought his family's lawsuit belonged in Minnesota," attorney John Goetz said in a statement. He said they now have sufficient legal grounds to pursue the lawsuit in Prince's home state.

Schulenberg's attorney, Paul Peterson, said Friday that they believe the lawsuit has no merit.

"We understand this situation has been difficult on everyone close to Mr. Nelson and his fans across the globe," he said in a statement. "Be that as it may, Dr. Schulenberg stands behind the care that Mr. Nelson received. We intend to defend this case."

been to the cinema.

"They don't really go to movies in the theater. I usually have to drag them," Ong-Sintzel said. "I felt like this was a big occasion—a movie with an all-Asian cast."

Looking at her parents, she cried because everything from the acting to the food seemed

to resonate more. She wasn't the only one.

"I looked over again, my dad was wiping tears from his eyes," Ong-Sintzel said.

In Temple City, California, Catherine Fanchiang, 27, who is Taiwanese-American, went to see the film a third time to keep her parents company.

Fanchiang's mother, Kao Han Fan, also wanted to see the movie because she recognized Michelle Yeoh, who plays a wary matriarch. But it was Wu's character who touched the 64-year-old the most. Fan said she liked how the story depicted an "ABC," (American-born Chinese)

who showed Asian cultural values such as putting family first.

"When you grow up in an Asian family ... it will be in your mind when you do something, you will always think about other people," Fan said. "You are not really, really selfish, thinking about yourself."

MGM opens Massachusetts casino with a flourish

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Massachusetts' first resort casino with expansive gambling and entertainment options opened Friday with a Las Vegas-style flourish.

After lining the streets for a procession through downtown Springfield that featured the Budweiser Clydesdale horses and other entertainment, thousands of people headed inside to gamble at MGM Springfield considered the first of its kind in the state. The complex

also includes a hotel, restaurants, entertainment and upscale retail shops.

Plainridge Park, a more modest slots parlor south of Boston, has been open since 2015 and Wynn Resorts promises to open a \$2 billion casino development just north of Boston next year.

The Native American tribes that operate Connecticut's Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun resorts also are proposing a Hartford-area casino to directly compete

with MGM Springfield.

MGM Springfield president Michael Mathis called the opening "pretty magical." The complex occupies a corner of downtown that was hit hard by a major tornado in 2011, and city officials hailed the project as a significant step forward in Springfield's economic renewal.

Here's a look at some of the game-changing MGM casino's numbers:

7: Years since Massachusetts legalized casino gambling in

2011, paving the way for MGM and other casino companies to seek state gambling licenses.

3 years and 5 months: Amount of time from the project's March 24, 2015, groundbreaking to its official Aug. 24 opening.

\$960 million: Total project budget, which is higher than the early estimates of \$850 million.

3,000: People employed on opening day.

35 percent: Number of those who are Springfield residents.

John Lennon's killer denied parole for 10th time

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—John Lennon's killer has been denied parole for a 10th time and will remain behind bars for at least two more years.

Mark David Chapman appeared before New York's parole board on Wednesday. In a denial decision obtained by The Associated Press Thursday, the board said it had determined Chapman's release "would be incompatible with the welfare and safety of society and would so deprecate the serious nature of the crime as to undermine respect for the law."

Chapman, 63, shot and killed the former Beatle outside Lennon's Manhattan apartment on Dec. 8, 1980. He is serving 20-years-to-life in the Wende Correctional Facility in western New York.

"You admittedly carefully planned and executed the murder of a world-famous person for no reason other than to gain notoriety," the parole panel wrote in its denial decision. "While no one person's life is



Chapman

any more valuable than another's life, the fact that you chose someone who was not only a world renowned person and beloved by millions, regardless of the pain and suffering you would cause to his family, friends and so many others, you demonstrated a callous disregard for the sanctity of human life and the pain and suffering of others."

It said releasing Chapman would not only "tend to mitigate the seriousness of your

crime," but also would endanger public safety because someone might try to harm him out of anger or revenge or to gain similar notoriety.

As Chapman faced the parole panel Wednesday, politicians and fans called for his release to be denied during a rally at Strawberry Fields, Lennon's memorial in Central Park across from his former home.

Jonas Herbsman, the attorney for Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, declined to comment when contacted by The Associated Press.

Bill Clinton, Smokey Robinson to speak at Franklin funeral

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Bill Clinton, Smokey Robinson, the Rev. Jesse Jack-

son and Cicely Tyson will be among the speakers at Aretha Franklin's funeral next week.

Franklin's rep, Gwendolyn Quinn, says other speakers will include former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, music mogul Clive Davis, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Bishop T.D. Jakes. Michael Eric Dy-

son, former TV judge Greg Mathis, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones and U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence are also additional speakers.

Clinton and the Queen of Soul were longtime friends.

She sang at both of his inaugurations. Robinson and Franklin grew up together in Detroit.

Franklin died Aug. 16 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76. Her funeral will be held in Detroit at Greater Grace Temple next Friday.

The Rev. Jasper Williams Jr. will deliver the eulogy. He is pastor of Salem Baptist Church in Atlanta.

The performers for the service include Stevie Wonder, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia, Faith Hill, Chaka Khan and more.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Dylan Farrow to publish 2 young adult fantasy novels

NEW YORK (AP)—Dylan Farrow is getting into the book business by releasing two young adult novels. The story is set in a fantasy world where those in control of society use magic to change the truth. The first book, "HUSH," will hit stores in fall 2020. The series will be published by Wednesday Books, which announced the news Friday. It is an imprint of St. Martin's Press. Farrow is the daughter of Mia Farrow and Woody Allen. Farrow has said Allen molested her in an attic in 1992 when she was 7 years old. Allen has long denied the claims and was investigated but not charged. Earlier this year, Farrow gave her first on-camera interview to "CBS This Morning" about her allegations against the filmmaker.

Melania Trump to plant Eisenhower oak sapling at White House

WASHINGTON (AP)—Melania Trump will help plant a sapling from an Eisenhower-era tree on the south grounds of the White House. The White House says the sapling to be planted Monday afternoon comes from the original Eisenhower oak located near an East Wing garden created by former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy. The sapling will replace a tree that was removed from the grounds earlier this year. Mary Jean Eisenhower,

granddaughter of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is expected to attend. The White House says the planting is being done in conjunction with the White House Historical Association's Presidential Sites Summit. The four-day national gathering in Washington features leaders from more than 100 presidential sites nationwide, and draws many descendants of past presidents.

Renowned organist accused of sexual misconduct, resigns

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—A renowned organist has been accused of sexual misconduct and resigned his posts at colleges in Massachusetts and Ohio. The Boston Globe reports that a group of former students at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester (WUS'-tur) allege that James David Christie sexually abused them while they were at the school. Holy Cross says Christie has stepped down from his post as distinguished artist-in-residence. Christie has also resigned from Oberlin College and Conservatory, where he was a professor. Christie didn't respond to multiple telephone calls or emails from the Globe seeking comment. Christie also played with the Boston Symphony Orchestra for years. The orchestra said it had been unaware of the allegations against him and has "no plans to engage him for future performances with the orchestra."

Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill among all-star lineup for Franklin

NEW YORK (AP)—An all-star lineup that includes Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia, Shirley Caesar and many more will perform at Aretha Franklin's funeral next week.

The Queen of Soul's service will be held in Detroit on Aug. 31. Also slated to perform are Ron Isley, Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams, Jennifer Holliday and Franklin's son, Edward Franklin.

The list was provided to The Associated Press on Thursday by Franklin's longtime publicist, Gwendolyn Quinn.

The service will reflect Franklin's strong gospel roots. Among the gospel stars performing will be Marvin Sapp, the Clark Sisters and Vanessa Bell Armstrong. The Aretha Franklin Orchestra and the Aretha Franklin Celebration Choir are also on the program, as are singers Audrey DuBois Harris and Alice McAllister Tillman.

The service will be held at Greater Grace Temple. Franklin died of pancreatic cancer last Thursday at age 76 in Detroit.

The funeral will cap a week of remembrances for Franklin. A public viewing will be held at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Tuesday and Wednesday. A public concert at Chene Park amphitheater is scheduled for Thursday.

The Four Tops will be among those performing at



This combination photo shows, top row from left, Yolanda Adams, Fantasia, Faith Hill and Jennifer Holliday, and bottom row from left, Jennifer Hudson, Ron Isley, Chaka Khan and Stevie Wonder, who will perform at Aretha Franklin's funeral at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit on Aug. 31.

Thursday's concert. Abdul "Duke" Fakir said he was honored that his famed Motown group was invited to perform. The lone, surviving

original member of the quartet said he and his bandmates shared a special bond with Franklin on stages and in studios over the decades.

"I'm happy—we always love to do anything we can for 'little sis,'" he said, adding that the performances "should be awe-inspiring."

Authorities: Model found dead on Philly Main Line strangled

ARDMORE, Pa. (AP)—Authorities say a model found dead this week in the bedroom of her apartment in Philadelphia's affluent Main Line suburb was strangled.

Lower Merion police say officers conducting a wellness check found 36-year-old Christina Carlin-Kraft

around 9:15 p.m. Wednesday inside her first-floor unit at the Cambridge Square apartments in Ardmore. Her death has since been ruled a homicide.

A motive for the slaying remains under investigation. But the Montgomery County District Attorney's office

says there "doesn't appear to be any current concern" for area residents.

Neighbors say Carlin-Kraft had just moved into her apartment last week. Her modeling profile lists her credits as photo shoots for Vanity Fair, Victoria's Secret, Playboy and Maxim.

Mom can't stop baby talking with grown son and girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: I'm 32 and have been dating my boyfriend, "Jerome," for five years. We both have successful careers and lives of our own. However, when we visit his family who live in the area, I'm subjected to "baby talk" from his mother. She's a wonderful woman who loves her family dearly, but she can't seem to converse with any of us without pitching her voice up an octave and talking in sentences as if we are 5 years old.

In addition, she insists on calling her son every day to ask how his day is going or check on him if he hasn't been feeling well, again with a baby voice. I am at my wits' end. Jerome has addressed the issue several times with her and his father, but it never gets better. His father says that's who she is, and it won't change.

His parents now wonder why I seem so unhappy when I'm around them and think I don't like them. But I'm just tired of the disrespect, and I don't like that they expect me to accept the baby talk. Please help.

ALL GROWN UP IN HOUSTON

DEAR ALL GROWN UP: I am inclined to agree with your boyfriend's father. This is the way his wife is.

Part of the problem may be that you are complaining to the wrong people about the way she talks to you. Because you seem unable to change the way you feel, and it's affecting how you behave toward your boyfriend's parents,

tell HER as diplomatically as possible that you feel disrespected when she uses baby talk with you. It's better than sulking, which may be why they think you don't like them—and appears to be half-true.

DEAR ABBY: I have had an internship in a new city this summer. My dad's friend has kindly allowed me to stay in his home while he's away on a long vacation. He told me I can watch his movies, use his TV, and even have friends visit and sleep on the couch. I am very grateful for his generosity.

He left for his vacation in a rush, and at eye-level on the DVD shelf he has a pornographic movie. I have nothing morally against it, but I think it's something he would be uncomfortable with me seeing.

A friend is coming to visit me next week, and I don't know what to do about the DVD. What would respect his privacy more: if I don't touch the film, or if I flip it over to hide the spine?

SURPRISED GUEST

DEAR SURPRISED: Put the DVD in a drawer and make a note on your calendar to yourself to replace it where it was before your host returns from his trip.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is on her third marriage to a

DEAR ABBY

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pretty nice guy, but she's also in regular contact with her first husband by text, email and phone. And now, her present husband is also in contact with an ex-girlfriend (hanging out, having lunch, etc.). What part of this picture am I not getting?

SUSPICIOUS MOM AND IN-LAW IN ARIZONA

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I'd say your vision is 20/20 or better. If your daughter's track record holds, marriage No. 3 is in the ninth inning, and the "players" are about to strike out.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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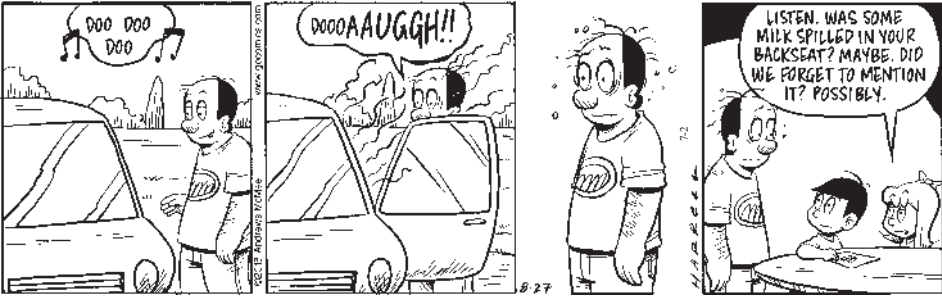
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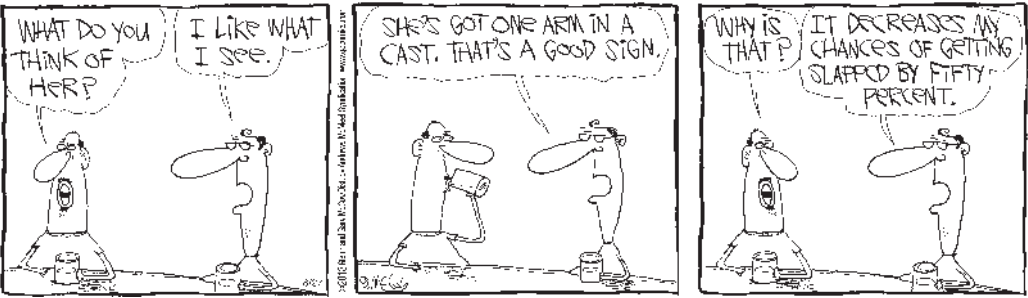
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/s/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO **/s/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ**
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ITB NO.: ITB18-JUDICIARY-11
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"PURCHASE OF ONE COLOR MULTIFUNCTION MACHINE FOR THE CNMI JUDICIARY"
The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting invitation for bids for one color multifunction machine.
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB18-DCCA/HPO-140
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/S/ GORDON SALAS **/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**
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RFQ18-JUDICIARY-01
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: August 31, 2018 TIME: 4:00 P.M.
Mechanical Engineering Consulting Services for the Guma' Hustisia
The Commonwealth Judiciary ("Judiciary") is soliciting sealed qualifications for mechanical engineering services for the review, recommendation, inspection, evaluation, and/or certification of the heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning system ("HVAC"), solar panel system, and mold remediation at the Guma' Hustisia.
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Statements of professional qualification from interested consultants must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:
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B. Overall consulting management experience in the Western Pacific Region, especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – (10%)
C. Qualification – (30%)
D. Experience of identified agency personnel in the evaluation of the replacement of the HVAC system and mold remediation – (30%)
E. Proposed project approach – (15%)
To qualify, engineers must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Statements of qualifications must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.
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DeChambeau builds 4-shot lead at Northern Trust



Bryson DeChambeau eyes his putt as he places his ball on the green at the 18th hole during the third round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)—Bryson DeChambeau described himself as a “man on a mission,” and he sure played like one Saturday in The Northern Trust.

Now it’s a matter of which mission he’s on.

DeChambeau made four birdies in a five-hole stretch around the turn to pull away from a fading collection of stars, closed with two more birdies and had an 8-under 63 to build a four-shot lead over Keegan Bradley going into the final round of the opening FedEx Cup playoff event.

A victory would assure DeChambeau one of the top seeds at East Lake to have a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup.

“That would be something pretty special,” he said.

And the timing would be ideal for his Ryder Cup hopes. DeChambeau narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S.

team when he missed the cut at the PGA Championship, but a victory against one of the strongest fields of the year might be tough for Jim Furyk to ignore when he makes three of his captain’s picks a week from Tuesday.

“I’ve just got to keep focusing on this tournament,” the 24-year-old Californian said. “If I can play well in the first leg of the FedEx Cup, I’ll hopefully show captain that I’m worthy.”

He played the part on a day when everyone else around him went the other direction.

DeChambeau and Adam Scott were the only players from the last 10 players to tee off who managed to break par, and Scott had to birdie three of his last four holes for a 70. He was six shots behind.

Dustin Johnson, trailing by two shots after 36 holes despite two triple bogeys, added

a double bogey to his week and shot 72 to fall nine shots behind. Brooks Koepka, the U.S. Open and PGA champion who shared the 36-hole lead, began his slide with a three-putt bogey from 12 feet on No. 5 and by missing a 4-foot birdie putt on the next hole. He went 13 holes in the middle of his round with three bogeys and 10 pars and had to settle for a 72. He was seven behind.

Scott was one shot behind when he made two bogeys, then chopped up the par-3 11th for a double bogey.

“I really switched off there for five holes and made a mess of things around the turn,” Scott said. “Might have shot myself out of the tournament. We’ll see how it goes tomorrow, but it’s going to be costly and make life difficult for me to win this thing now.”

Bradley finished his round about an hour after the leaders

teed off, making five birdies over his last seven holes for a 62. He was leading at the time and figured he would be at least a few shots behind when the third round ended.

He might not have expected DeChambeau to be the one he was chasing.

“Just looking at who is at the top of the leaderboard, when I got to 10, I was like any birdie from here on out is really going to be big going into tomorrow,” Bradley said.

Tony Finau (66) and Cameron Smith of Australian (65) were five shots behind, with Billy Horschel (65) and Scott Spieth finally got his putter going and shot a 64, leaving him seven shots behind but in a tie for seventh, boosting his bid to return to the Tour Championship.

Spieth, who hasn’t won this year, started the playoffs at No. 43. The top 30 after three playoff events go

to East Lake for a shot at the \$10 million prize. For players like Bradley and Horschel, making it to East Lake means getting into three of the majors and two World Golf Championships.

And for DeChambeau, it’s simply the process of winning.

“I’ve got a four-shot lead, and never really been in this spot before,” DeChambeau said. “But I’m excited because this is a new challenge for me, and I always like challenges.”

Tiger Woods had his first bogey-free round of the year, but managed only three birdies for a 68. He was 13 shots behind. In scoring conditions, Woods has seven birdies in 54 holes. DeChambeau made that many in 12 holes Saturday.

“That’s not going to get it done,” Woods said. “As soft as

it is, these guys are making a boat load of birdies. And I just haven’t made any.”

DeChambeau’s big run began from the rough on No. 8, one of the par 5s converted into a par 4 for the tournament. He carved a 5-iron onto the green to about 8 feet, made a short birdie on the next hole, hit 8-iron to 10 feet on the par-3 11th and then chopped out of the rough to below the short par-4 12th to a few inches for birdie.

“I was so focused on my game today that I didn’t even worry about anything else,” DeChambeau said. “And so you just get in the zone every once in a while and block everything out and I really didn’t notice anybody else, actually. It’s a great feeling to have and I hope to bring it tomorrow.”

Woods doing well except with putter

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP)—Tiger Woods has shown he can put together a series of sub-par rounds.

Contending in consecutive tournaments has been more difficult.

Woods took small consolation Saturday after his first bogey-free round of the year, mainly because he managed only three birdies at The Northern Trust on a soft Ridgewood Country Club that is yielding plenty of them.

He made a 6-foot birdie putt on his last hole—no sure thing the way his week has been going—for a 3-under 68. That gives him seven birdies for 54 holes. Bryson DeChambeau made nine birdies on Saturday alone in his round of 63 to lead by four shots, 13 shots ahead of Woods.

“That’s not going to get it done,” Woods said. “As soft as it is, these guys are making a boat load of birdies. And I just haven’t made any.”

It wasn’t a lack of chances.

Woods missed six birdie putts from about 12 feet or closer. He has hit nine out of 14 fairways all three rounds, and he rarely was out of position when he did miss the greens in the third round. He’s just not seeing many putts go in, mainly because he says he can’t get the right line with the right speed.

On a few occasions, he’s asked caddie Joe LaCava to help read the putts. It hasn’t mattered.

“I’m just not seeing the lines this week,” Woods said. “Just the way it goes. I’ve called Joey in a few times this week. ‘Joey, I see three different breaks here.’ He said, ‘Yeah, so do I.’ I’m hitting in these spots where I’ve had double-breakers, if not triple-breakers, and I’m just

not seeing or feeling correctly through those areas.”

Such is golf. Woods chalked it up on more than one occasion to “one of those weeks.”

But it extends a peculiar pattern this year of looking as though he were on the verge of winning, and then taking a step back.

He had two straight weeks at the end of the Florida swing where he got within one shot of the lead on the back nine, and then he showed up at the Masters and finished in the middle of the pack. Woods showed plenty of momentum at The Players Championship (65-69 weekend) and the Memorial (67-68 in the middle two rounds), and then he missed the cut at the U.S. Open.

One week after he briefly had the lead in the final round at the British Open, he tied for 31st at Firestone on a course where he has won eight times. He was runner-up at the PGA Championship in his most recent start, and now is playing for little more than pride or FedEx Cup points.

His 68 at least allowed him to sleep in a little more on Sunday for the final round, though Woods all but conceded he was out of it. His hope was to finish at 10 under, which would mean a 64 in the final round. That would at least give him some good vibes going to the TPC Boston, where he won 12 years ago.

“I think that would be a nice way to end the week,” he said. “It’s not going to win, but at least I can get some good momentum going into Boston.”

He started the FedEx Cup playoffs at No. 20, and with only 30 players advancing to the Tour Championship, he still has some work left.

Carter, at 41, not quite ready to call it a career



ATLANTA (AP)—Vince Carter can’t say his 21st NBA season will be his last.

At least not yet.

Carter signed a one-year veteran minimum contract Friday with the rebuilding Atlanta Hawks, his eighth team, in what could be his final stop before starting a career in broadcasting.

It appears to be the right

mix for Carter, the league’s oldest active player. He turns 42 in January and wants to be ready for a television job when his playing days end.

Atlanta, home to Turner Broadcasting and NBA TV, is the right place to be, but Carter isn’t quite ready to announce his retirement.

“I know playing this game that the media and the fans and people can be cruel,” he said with a grin. “It’s like,

‘You’re old and you’re playing against guys half your age. You shouldn’t be out here.’ But then for me that is my goal, to prove that I’m able to do that. And I put in a lot of work in mentally as well as physically just preparing myself.”

Carter says the once-dynamic dunker, a live highlight reel of a player known as “Vinsanity,” still lives inside him. It’s just different

now that he’s been a reserve in stops the last six seasons with Dallas, Memphis and Sacramento.

“Yeah, I’m still the same person,” said Carter, the 1999 NBA Rookie of the Year and an eight-time All-Star. “My approach is still the same. My work ethic, my ability to play the game is still the same. Obviously it’s limited. You just don’t get to see it as much, but it’s the same guy.”

After stadium power outage, Dodgers trip Padres



LOS ANGELES (AP)—

Justin Turner blooped an RBI double to drive in Matt Kemp from second base on the first pitch after a 20-minute power outage in the 12th inning, giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the San Diego Padres on Saturday night.

Manny Machado and Max Muncy each hit their 30th home run of the season for the Dodgers as they overcame another blown save from closer Kenley Jansen.

Robert Stock (0-1) walked Kemp in the bottom of the 12th. He advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Enrique Hernandez before the power went out. When it was restored, Turner delivered the game-winner.

The Dodgers later released a statement saying the outage was due to "a disruption in the city's power feed" to the ballpark.

Rookie Caleb Ferguson (4-2) earned the win two innings of scoreless relief.

Jansen surrendered the lead in for the third straight time since coming off the disabled list with an irregular heart when he allowed a solo home run to Austin Hedges in the ninth. In blowing three consecutive saves, Jansen has allowed four home runs.

Clayton Kershaw started and went eight strong innings for the Dodgers. He allowed seven hits and struck out nine with no walks.

San Diego picked up a solo home from outfielder Franchito Reyes, an RBI single from shortstop Freddy Galvis and an unearned run on Eric Hosmer's groundout, before Hedges delivered his 11th home of the season in the ninth.

The Padres lost their fourth straight.

Rookie Brett Kennedy went five innings for the Padres in his fourth career start. He allowed three runs on five hits and two walks, striking out five.

Machado hit a three-run homer in the first to give Kershaw the early lead. The shortstop entered the game hitless in his last nine at-bats and hitting .263 in his 33 games as a Dodger.

After Galvis' single in the third put the Padres on the board, Muncy delivered his solo home run in the seventh against reliever Matt Strahm.

Reyes' solo homer in the seventh and the unearned run in the eighth pulled the Padres within one.

Yankees 5, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Sonny Gray made the most of a foray into the starting rotation by taking a three-hitter into the seventh inning, and the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles.



Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Manny Machado tags out San Diego Padres' Travis Jankowski during the 10th inning of a baseball game Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in Los Angeles.

walk a batter.

Colin Moran had four hits for Pittsburgh.

White Sox 6, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Lucas Giolito pitched seven sharp innings and Chicago defeated Detroit.

Giolito (10-9) allowed a run and three hits, lowering his ERA to 5.85. It's still the worst mark in the major leagues of anyone who qualifies for the ERA title, but the 23-year-old right-hander has been a bit better since the All-Star break.

Kevan Smith hit a two-run homer for the White Sox, and Mikie Mahtook went deep for the Tigers.

Ryan Carpenter (1-2) gave up six runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Mariners 4, Diamondbacks 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Denard Span hit a solo home run in the 10th inning and Seattle scored two in the ninth to rally for a win over Arizona.

Jake Diekmann (0-1) got the first out of the 10th before Span sent a drive onto the pool deck in right-center for the go-ahead run.

Arizona had runners at the corners after a pair of singles off Edwin Diaz in the 10th, but Paul Goldschmidt got caught in a rundown trying to score on David Peralta's grounder to third. Diaz got Nick Ahmed and Ketel Marte to fly out, becoming the 17th pitcher in big league history with 50 saves in a season.

Arizona took a 3-1 lead in the seventh on A.J. Pollock's broken-bat, two-run single, but the Diamondbacks couldn't hold it.

Astros 8, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Marwin Gonzalez homered for the second consecutive game and Justin Verlander did just enough to lead Houston past Los Angeles.

Gonzalez hit a solo home run to left-center field off reliever Williams Jerez to lead off the four-run eighth inning. Gonzalez has 14 home runs this season, including eight in August. The Astros had been clinging to a one-run lead before he opened the eighth with that homer.

The Astros (79-50) are in first place in the AL West and have won four consecutive games and five of their last six. The Angels have lost five consecutive games.

In the opener, rookie Miguel Andujar homered and had four RBI. J.A. Happ (15-6) won his fifth straight start and New York rolled to a 10-3 victory.

Rays 5, Red Sox 1

In St. Petersburg, Kevin Kiermaier tripled to key a two-run sixth inning. Tommy Pham homered and Tampa Bay won its seventh straight game by beating major league-leading Boston.

The surprising Rays will try to become the first team this season to sweep the Red Sox in a series when the teams complete a three-game set Sunday.

Tampa Bay is a season-high eight games over .500 (69-61). The Rays have allowed three or fewer runs in seven consecutive games.

Rockies 9, Cardinals 1

In Denver, pinch-hitter Matt Holliday launched his first home run of the season in the seventh inning. Carlos Gonzalez sparked an eight-run eighth with a tie-breaking double and Colorado beat St. Louis in a matchup of NL playoff contenders.

The loss snapped St. Louis' nine-game road winning streak. The surging Cardinals had won four straight and eight of 10 overall.

Athletics 6, Twins 2

In Minneapolis, Jonathan Lucroy homered and drove in

four runs, Mike Fiers pitched effectively into the sixth inning, and Oakland maintained its hold on the second wild-card spot.

Lucroy had an RBI single in the first and a three-run homer in the fourth as the Athletics kept at least a four-game lead over Seattle in the wild-card chase.

Royals 7, Indians 1

In Kansas City, rookie Heath Fillmyer pitched six strong innings, Lucas Duda homered and Kansas City beat Corey Kluber and Cleveland.

Fillmyer (2-1) limited the AL Central leaders to three hits and two walks, striking out three, as the Indians lost their fourth straight, matching their longest skid of the season.

Marlins 3, Braves 1

In Miami, Brian Anderson hit a pinch-hit, two-run home run to help Miami beat Atlanta.

Wei-Yin Chen (5-9) struck out 10 over six innings and Drew Steckenrider pitched the ninth for his second save.

Braves starter Anibal Sanchez (6-5) exited with right hamstring tightness after 5 2/3 innings and 98 pitches. Sanchez allowed four hits and one run.

Giants 5, Rangers 3

In San Francisco, Andrew Suarez pitched seven scoreless

innings of three-hit ball to lead San Francisco.

Brandon Crawford and Hunter Pence homered. Nick Hundley added two walks and scored for the Giants.

Crawford homered off Martin Perez (2-6) in the first, a three-run blast to center.

Blue Jays 8, Phillies 6

In Toronto, Aledmys Diaz hit a go-ahead three-run double in the eighth inning and Toronto handed Philadelphia its sixth loss in seven games.

The Phillies led 6-5 to begin the inning but Seranthony Dominguez (1-5) loaded the bases by giving up a hit, a walk, and hitting a batter. Victor Arano came on and struck out Teoscar Hernandez for the second out before Diaz cleared the bases with a double over the head of center fielder Odubel Herrera.

Toronto won its fifth straight, its longest streak since May 21 to 27, 2017.

Mets 3, Nationals 0

In New York, Bryce Harper and the Washington Nationals were shut out for the third game in a row, something that had never happened since the team moved from Montreal.

Amed Rosario and Todd Frazier hit solo home runs to back Zack Wheeler, who pitched seven innings and won

his seventh straight decision.

The Nationals fell to 64-66—they've already lost more games than they dropped last year in going 97-65 to take their second consecutive NL East title.

Cubs 10, Reds 6

In Chicago, Daniel Murphy and Kyle Schwarber each hit a two-run homer, Javier Baez added a solo shot and Chicago won its fourth straight.

Murphy homered for a second straight day and is batting .407 (48 for 118) with nine homers in 31 career regular-season games at Wrigley Field -- all but three of them before he joined the Cubs in a trade this week.

Baez was 2 for 4 with a walk and three RBI. The homer was his 28th and he leads the NL with 97 RBI.

Pirates 9, Brewers 1

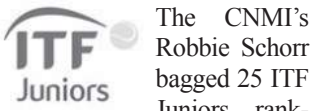
In Milwaukee, Adam Frazier hit a three-run homer and Jameson Taillon pitched six strong innings as Pittsburgh defeated Milwaukee.

Frazier's drive in the eighth off reliever Taylor Williams give the Pirates a five-run cushion after Gregory Polanco broke a seventh-inning tie with a two-run single.

Taillon (10-9) gave up one run and five hits in six innings. He struck out eight and didn't

Schorr gains ITF Juniors ranking points

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The CNMI's Robbie Schorr bagged 25 ITF Juniors ranking points for making it to the quarterfinals of the doubles competition in the Oceania Closed Junior Championships 2018 in Fiji early this month.

Schorr teamed up with Tahiti's Jeremy Guines in beating fellow Commonwealth players Ken Song and Sean Lee, 6-1, 6-1, in their first game in the B2 ranking tournament to make it to the Round of 8 and earn his most point so far in the ITF Juniors Circuit. With the 25 points, Schorr's total in the doubles increased to 42, as he earlier collected 14 points from the South Pacific Open Junior Championships held in Fiji in June this year after marching into the semifinals of the doubles event (with the Solo-



mon Islands' Graham Mani). Schorr's three other points came from his quarterfinals appearance (again with Mani) in the Oceania Open Junior Championships, which also

took place in Fiji last month. In singles, the 16-year-old still has 6 points, earning two each from the Northern Marianas Junior Championships, New Caledonia Juniors Championships, and Oceania Open Junior Championships, as he qualified in the quarterfinals of all three events this year. Overall, Schorr has 16.5 combined points and is currently ranked at No. 1,316—way over his 2017 yearend ranking of No. 2,496.

Schorr has the highest ITF Juniors rankings among the CNMI's male junior players. Lee is at No. 2,304, while Song is still searching for the elusive ranking points.

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Return of big names bolsters US Open men's singles draw

NEW YORK (AP)—The return to form and fitness of a host of big names in the men's draw at the U.S. Open has strengthened the field for the year's final Grand Slam but Rafa Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer are still the favorites for the title.

The trio have dominated the highest level of the sport for years and Djokovic's victory at Wimbledon, combined with an impressive hard court season, sees him edge defending champion Nadal as the bookmakers' pick to succeed at Flushing Meadows.

The sixth-seeded Serb has played his way back to form after a shaky start to the year following his return from a long-standing elbow injury that needed surgery, and is on the opposite side of the draw to top seed Nadal.

Second seed Federer, now 37, is on the same side of the draw as 31-year-old Djokovic and they could meet in the last eight at Flushing Meadows.

Nadal stormed to victory last year in a field weakened by the absence of several top 10 players, but to win a fourth U.S. Open title he will have to outlast seven former champions.

The Spaniard, fresh from victory at the Rogers Cup, where won his 33rd Masters 1000 title, has been coy about his chances in New York given how well his main rivals have been playing, but is counting on the atmosphere to give him a lift.

"The energy here in New York is difficult to compare with another place. I love the

night sessions, I love the connection with the crowd. I feel very comfortable always here," the 32-year-old Nadal said in a recent interview.

Behind the three favorites, the return of 2016 champion Stan Wawrinka, given a wild card by the organizers after making a comeback from a knee injury, and Andy Murray, returning after hip surgery, adds another layer of stiff competition.

Croat Marin Cilic and Argentine Juan Martin del Potro complete the ranks of former winners who will attempt to reclaim the title, while Alexander Zverev's decision to hire Ivan Lendl as his coach also offers up an intriguing prospect.

Zverev is arguably the strongest of the next generation of players who have long been tipped to break the big three's hold on the sport's biggest prizes.

At 21, the German is ranked fourth in the world but his temperament is suspect and Lendl, who coached Murray during the most productive spell of the Scot's career, might help his young charge finally fulfill his potential.

"I think (Zverev) gets down on himself. He gets emotional and I think it does affect his play," 18-times Grand Slam winner Chris Evert, who will be part of ESPN's coverage of the U.S. Open in New York, said on a conference call.

Newton escapes injury, Panthers top Patriots

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Cam Newton walked into the interview room Friday night sporting a black eye and questioning his own judgment after an unexpected crash landing.

The Panthers' eighth-year quarterback escaped a potentially serious injury when he scrambled out of the pocket and dove headfirst on a third-and-9 play in the first quarter, only to get upended by cornerback Jonathan Jones causing the 2015 MVP to land on his head.

Newton was forced to leave the game to be evaluated for a

concussion, but returned four plays later and helped lead Carolina to a 25-14 win over the New England Patriots to remain unbeaten in the preseason.

"I was thinking to myself it's the preseason, what do I do? What do I do?" Newton said while describing the run. "I was like I want to get a first down, but I want to bring this plane in as smoothly as possible."

The landing was anything but smooth.

As Newton was contemplating how to avoid contact, Jones hit him low, flipping the QB off his legs and sending Newton spiraling into the air.

"There were a lot of malfunctions going on from the cockpit," Newton said with a laugh. "Buttons were getting stuck. It was bad. It was real bad."

Newton didn't have a concussion, but said his noticeably swollen left eye was hurting. Newton said he received the black eye from his own helmet when he hit the ground.

He joked it was his first black eye since getting in a fight in middle school.

Newton finished 11 of 17 for 142 yards passing and led three scoring drives—all resulting in field goals—as the Panthers built a 9-3 lead at halftime.

"I always worry about him, but that's him -- he plays to win," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "I would much rather he didn't (do that), but he's going to give us all he has because he wants to do the best he can out there."

Tom Brady's night wasn't nearly as eventful for the Patriots (2-1).

It was a quiet game for the five-time Super Bowl champion, who completed 12 of 18 passes for 102 yards in the first half and got the Patriots in field goal range twice. But drops and costly mistakes proved pivotal for the Patriots.

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cio. NMIFA technical director Michiteru Mita is the group's head coach, while Jerish Angeles and Norman Del Rosario are the assistant and team manager, respectively.

Takano delivered a brief

message on behalf of the team, mentioning the squad's slogan "one" and how the group believes anything is possible as long as they work together.

"We believe in miracles. We can make miracles happen," Takano said.

Takano and company will be playing against Mongolia,

Guam, and Macau in the Sept. 2 to 6 tournament in Ulan Bator.

The CNMI Women's National Team has the same opponents and captain Janelle Chojnacki vowed to give everything they have at the pitch to do well in the tournament. Joining Chojnacki on the squad are Emalyn Aniana,

Guinevere Borja, Sharmaine Francisco, Jerlyn and Jeralyn Castillo, Gillian Villagomez, Gabrielle Race, Gianna Griffin, Emiliana King, Brittany Wally, Carla Ballesteros, Krizel Tuazon, Therize Millare, Katrina Costales, Grace Choi, Pauylynn Joyce, and Sue Ann Huevos.

Meanwhile, majority of the members of the women's team will be leaving today for a training camp in Japan before they head to Mongolia for the EAFF-sanctioned tournament. The men's crew, on the other hand, left yesterday for a separate training camp in South Korea.

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School, completed the 12-kilometer trail run first after reaching the finish/start line at the Last Command Post in Marpi in 54:52. From the Last Command Post, Altizer and the other trail run participants headed to Cowtown, Banzai Trail, and Banzai Lookout before returning to the start/finish line. Runners in the 12K did the course twice.

Altizer finished more than two minutes ahead of runner-up and long-time CNMI runner Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, who clocked in at 56:55. Joining Altizer and Kabiriel in the Top 3 was Carlo Canepa

(59:55), while other finishers in the 12K race were Max Simian (1:10:15), Chang Won Jang (1:16:16), Tamio Nishikido (1:14:39), and Floro Derexes (1:30:03).

In the women's 12K race, Sakiko Eda won her one-on-one showdown against Roxanne Soriano, as the former timed in at 1:08:15 against the latter's 1:42:09.

In the 6K run, husband and wife Kosuke and Chiharu Sato bested their respective opponents.

Kosuke submitted 28:24 in the men's division to prevail against Raymund Tolentino (31:05), Joey Tudela (35:29), Joe Villacrusis (36:18), James Lee (37:06), Rodney Cama-

cho (37:10), Ponce Corotan (39:58), Jay Diyco (43:22), Rufino Aquino (51:12), and Alejandro Agulto (51:13). In the women's field, Chiharu logged 35:43 to finish ahead of Marilou Carlos (41:28), Myla Vicencio (46:97), Samantha Polig (48:23), Rose Aldan (51:51), Vernice Ronda (51:53), and Dorothy Chyung (1:06:30).

Meanwhile, in the duathlon, Sendin won over 11 other participants in the individual division. Sendin completed the 5K run, 20K bike, and 2.5K race in 1:46:20 for a more than three-minute lead over fellow veteran Butch Sublemente (1:49:45). Mark Isip rounded out the Top 3 after recording

1:57:05, while other finishers were Norlo Jacosalem (1:57:23), Joel Buco (1:59:42), Buboy Aguilar (2:03:39), Jun Evangelista (2:24:53), Ben Babauta (2:34:36), Aris Oris (2:38:14), Red Hernandez (3:08:23), and Rommel Bartolo (3:15:01).

In the women's division, Ayano Braxton clocked in at 1:58:29 to top Heather Taylor (2:00:37) and Emily Northrop (2:01:50), while the D'Weakest Link (1:40:14) ruled the men's relay after beating Estepa/Salas (2:05:27), Caleb and Dai (2:58:46), and Ziheng and Hu (3:07:40).

The first leg of the duathlon race followed the same route

as the run trail, while the bike course had participants going up to the Far East Broadcasting and passing through Binadu, Million Gallon Tank, and portion of As Matuis before going down to Calavera, Bird Island, Santa Klaus trail, Cowtown, Banzai Trail and back to the Last Command Post. For the last leg, participants, using the paved road, headed north of Marpi up to the 'hairpin curve' and then back to the start/finish line.

Triathlon Association of the CNMI organized the race, which had IT&E as major sponsor and was supported by Foremost, Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, Kanoa Resort, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	41	.687	—
New York	82	47	.636	7
Tampa Bay	69	61	.531	20½
Toronto	60	69	.465	29
Baltimore	37	93	.285	52½

Central Division

Cleveland	73	56	.566	—
Minnesota	61	68	.473	12
Detroit	53	77	.408	20½
Chicago	50	79	.388	23
Kansas City	40	90	.308	33½

West Division

Houston	79	50	.612	—
Oakland	78	52	.600	1½
Seattle	74	56	.569	5½
Los Angeles	63	67	.485	16½
Texas	58	73	.443	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Atlanta	72	57	.558	—
Philadelphia	69	60	.535	3
Washington	64	66	.492	8½
New York	58	71	.450	14
Miami	53	78	.405	20

Central Division

Chicago	75	53	.586	—
St. Louis	72	58	.554	4
Milwaukee	72	59	.550	4½
Pittsburgh	64	66	.492	12
Cincinnati	56	74	.431	20

West Division

Arizona	71	58	.550	—
Colorado	71	58	.550	—
Los Angeles	69	61	.531	2½
San Francisco	64	67	.489	8
San Diego	50	82	.379	22½

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IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run

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Participants and organizers of the IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run pose for a group photo at the starting line of last Saturday's event at the Last Command Post in Marpi.



Runners head north of Marpi on their way to the trail course.



Charlie Sendin makes his way to the bike-run transition area.



Jay Diyco heads out of the trail course.



Ben Babauta gets out of the trail course.



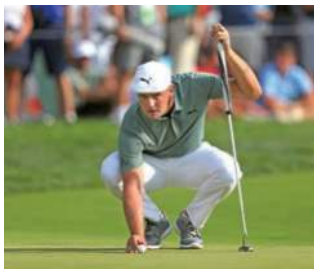
Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel heads back to the start/finish line.



Participants in the trail run pose for a photo after completing the race.



Participants listen during the race course briefing.



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'Don't get intimidated'



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan delivers a message to the CNMI men's and women's national teams during the send-off ceremony last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



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The CNMI Women's National Team players and officials gather for a group photo after the send-off ceremony last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Altizer, Sendin lead winners in IT&E duathlon, trail run

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Newcomer Whit Altizer continued to impress the running community, while veteran Charlie Sendin showed the form that won him sev-



eral local races, as the two emerged as top finishers in last Saturday's IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run.

Altizer, a new teacher at Saipan International

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Whit Altizer heads to the finish line of last Saturday's IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run at the Last Command Post.

That's the message of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan to the CNMI national teams that will be competing in the EAFF E-1 Preliminary Round 1 in Mongolia next month.



"We are clearly the underdogs in the tournament. You will play against stronger, bigger, older, and more experience teams, but don't get intimidated," said Tan, who lead the well-wishers for the CNMI men's and women's national teams during last Friday's send-off ceremony at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The NMIFA head added that the Commonwealth squads should take inspiration from the underdogs in the 2018 World Cup, especially from Russia and Croatia, who proved something in the sport's biggest competition despite going up against the "giants in the tournament. Croatia



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

The CNMI Men's National Team players and officials pose for a photo after the send-off ceremony last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

tia made it to the finals before losing to France. Host Russia, on the other hand, moved into the quarterfinals after stunning former champion Spain in the first round of the knockout stage of the tournament. Incidentally, Croatia defeated Russia in the quarterfinals.

"Looked how Croatia and Russia and other underdogs in the World Cup played. Just believe in yourselves, who knows what will happen. There will be no easy game in Mongolia, but you can

do it. You and your coaches prepared hard for this tournament, do your best and represent the NMI well," added Tan added, who was joined in the send-off ceremony by NMIFA officials Vickie Izuka, Ross and Ruselle Zapanta, and Wesley Bogdan, associate judge of the CNMI Superior Court, local football club officers, and other supporters of the national squads.

The CNMI Men's National Team will be fielding 18 players in the East Asian Football

Federation tournament and the group is lead by captain Jonathan Takano. Completing the Blue Ayuyus' roster are vice captain Enrico Del Rosario, siblings Anthony and Joel Fruit, Bo Barry, Sunjoon Tenorio, Jehn Joyner, Hark Galarion, Thaipi Austria, Sebastien Manabat, John Bucayo, Christopher Aninzo, John Michael Rojas, Jonathan Capayas, Nick Swaim, Dai Podziewski, Ryu Tanzawa, and Ryan Relu-

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